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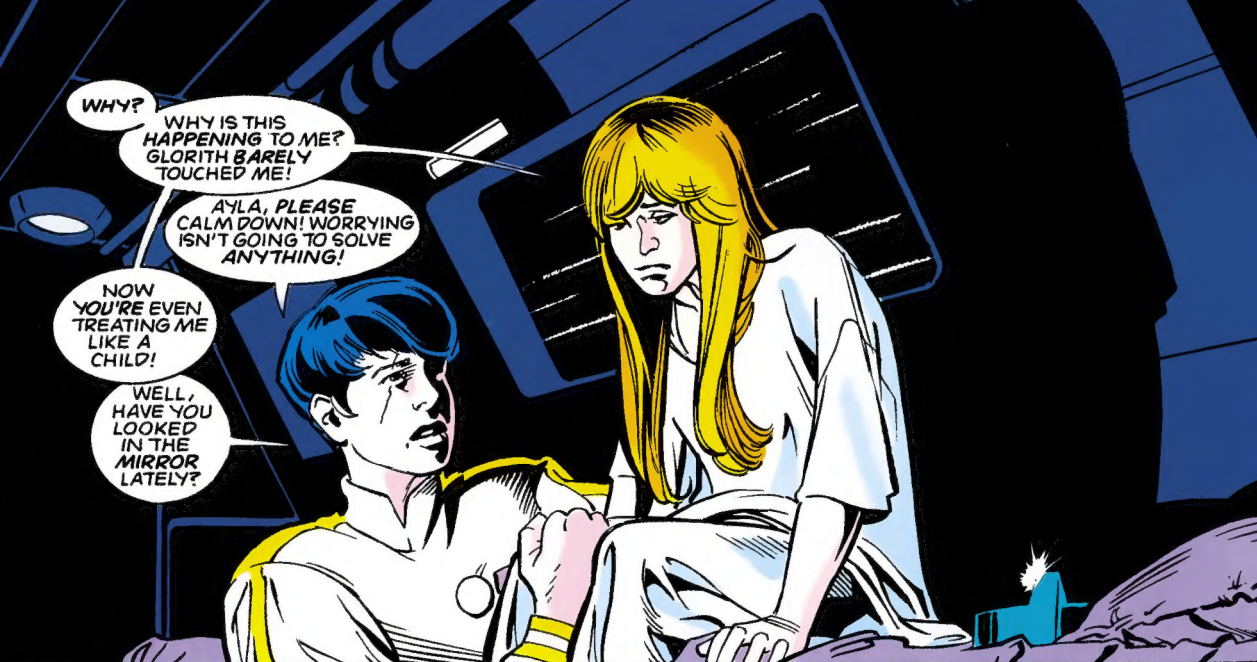
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LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES





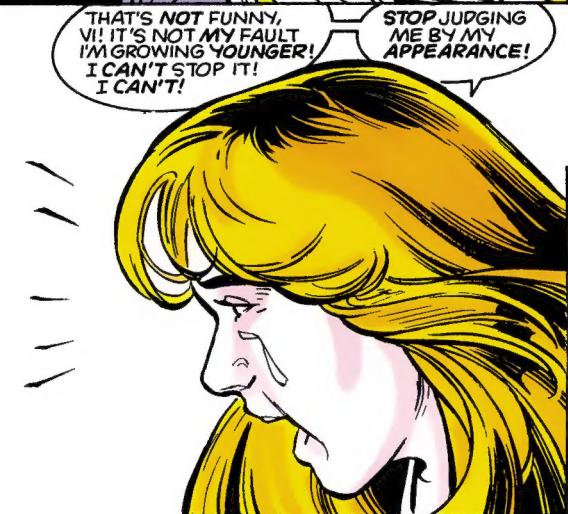
WHY?

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME? GLORITH BARELY TOUCHED ME!

AYLA, PLEASE CALM DOWN! WORRYING ISN'T GOING TO SOLVE ANYTHING!

NOW YOU'RE EVEN TREATING ME LIKE A CHILD!

WELL, HAVE YOU LOOKED IN THE MIRROR LATELY?

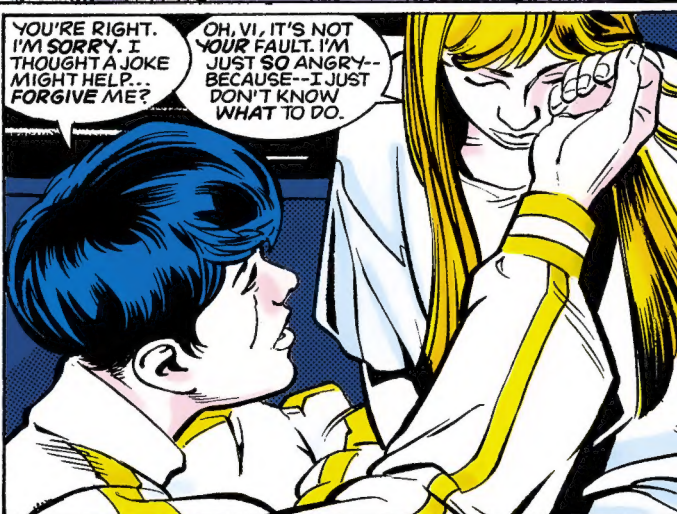


THAT'S NOT FUNNY, VI! IT'S NOT MY FAULT I'M GROWING YOUNGER! I CAN'T STOP IT! I CAN'T!

STOP JUDGING ME BY MY APPEARANCE!

YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT A JOKE MIGHT HELP... FORGIVE ME?

OH, VI, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. I'M JUST SO ANGRY-- BECAUSE-- I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.



HEY, I KNOW! HOW ABOUT A STORY TO TAKE OUR MINDS OFF THINGS?

A BEDTIME STORY? ARE YOU GOING TO TUCK ME IN, TOO? DO I GET A GOOD NIGHT KISS?

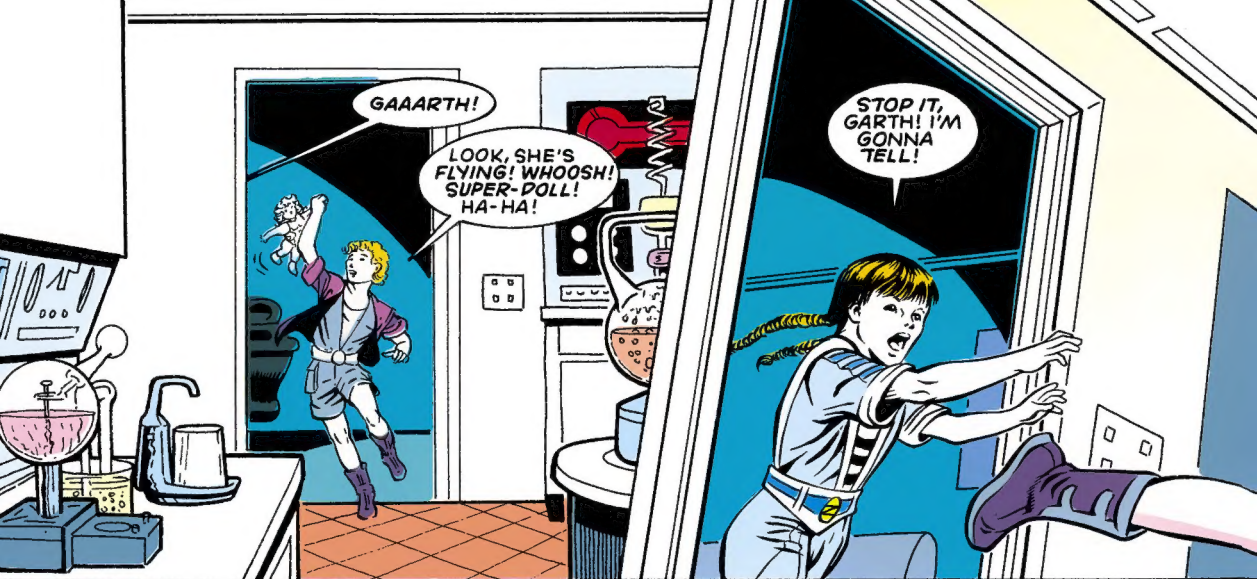
VERY FUNNY! HERE'S A GREAT STORY! YOU'LL LOVE THIS! IT'S CALLED...





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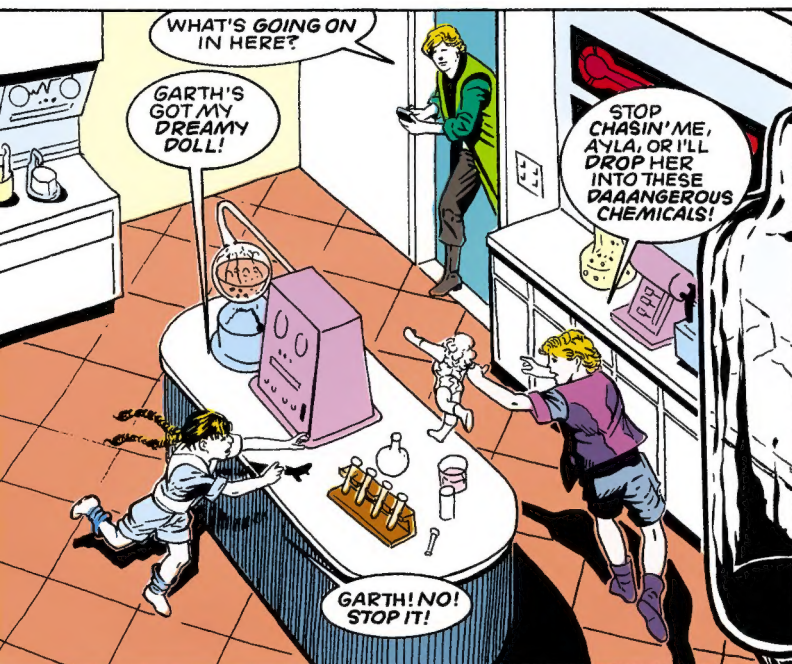
In Elseworlds, heroes are taken from their usual settings and put into strange times and places—some that have existed, or might have existed, and others that can't, couldn't or shouldn't exist. This is one of them.



GAAARTH!

LOOK, SHE'S FLYING! WHOOSH! SUPER-DOLL! HA-HA!

STOP IT, GARTH! I'M GONNA TELL!



WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE?

GARTH'S GOT MY DREAMY DOLL!

STOP CHASIN' ME, AYLA, OR I'LL DROP HER INTO THESE DAAANGEROUS CHEMICALS!

GARTH! NO! STOP IT!

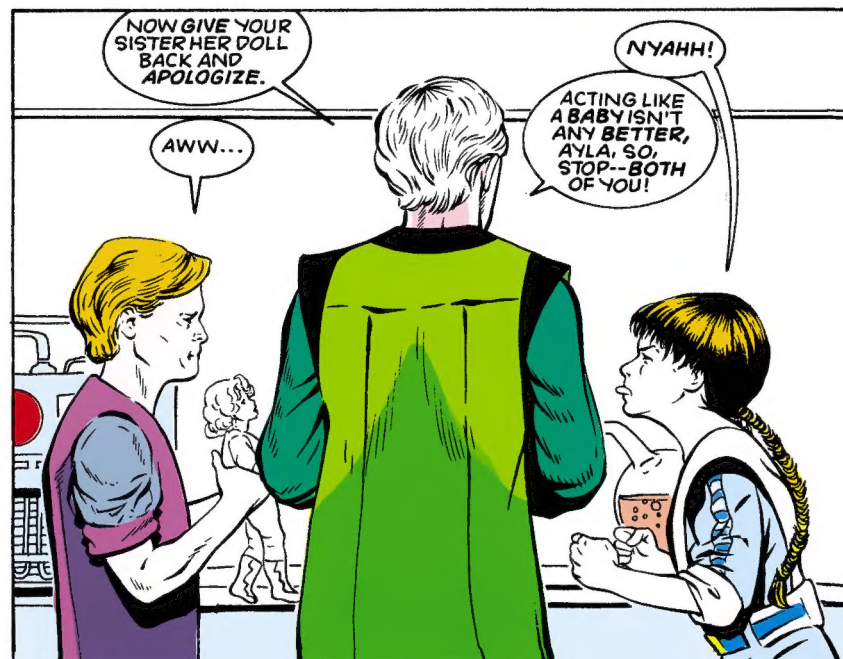


HEY, YOU TWO, CUT IT OUT!

MEKT! MAKE HIM STOP!



THAT'S ENOUGH! YOU TWO KNOW DAD'S LAB IS OFF LIMITS. AND GARTH, YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO TEASE AYLA.

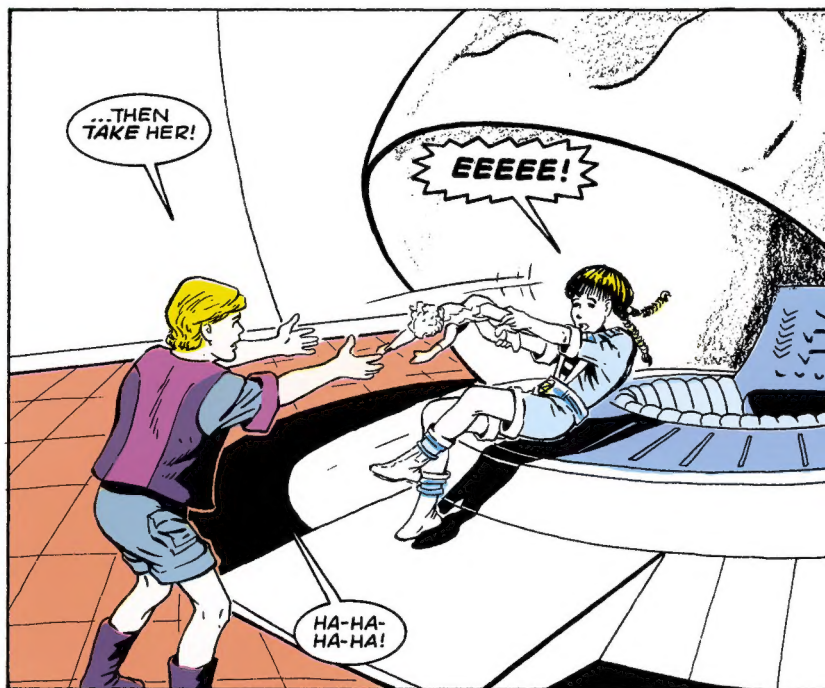
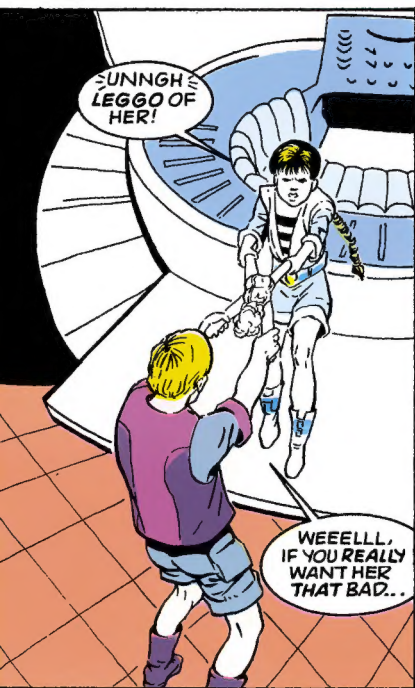


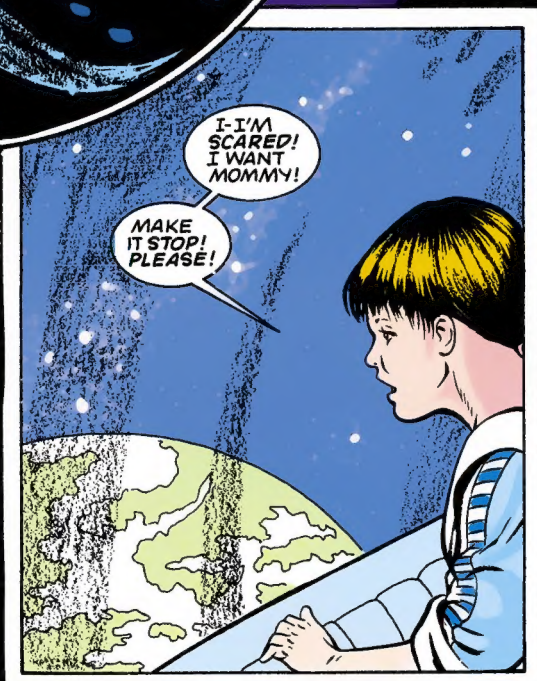
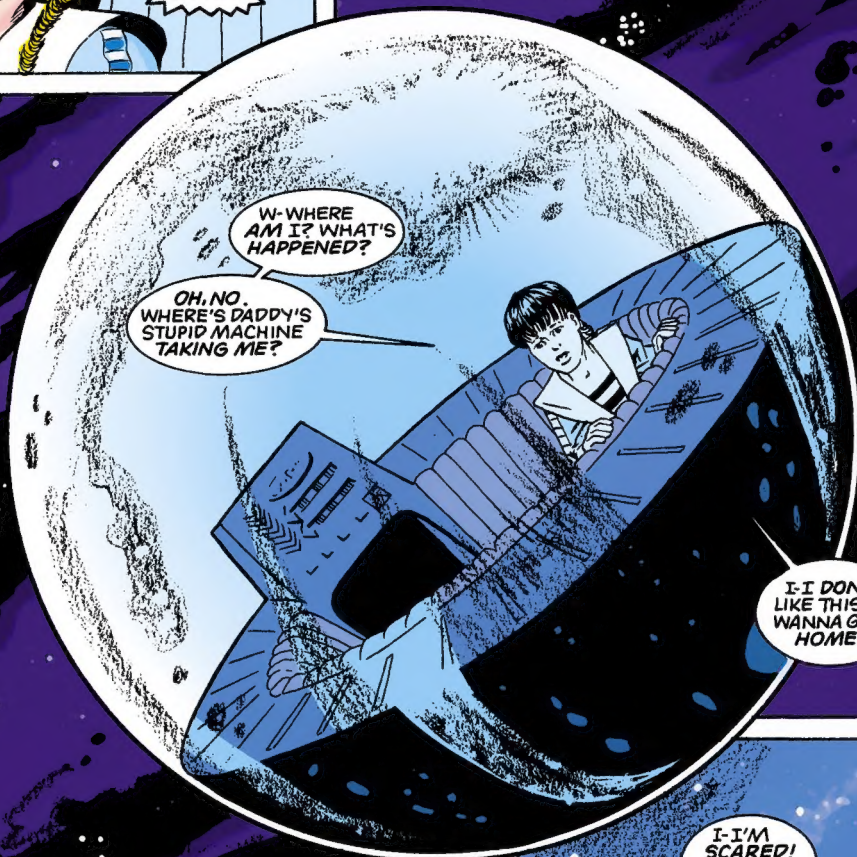
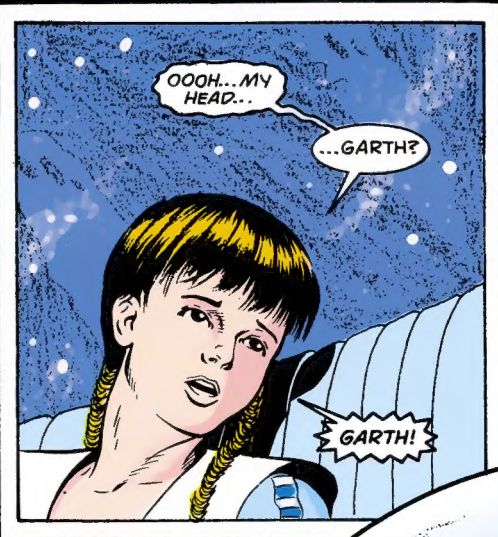
NOW GIVE YOUR SISTER HER DOLL BACK AND APOLOGIZE.

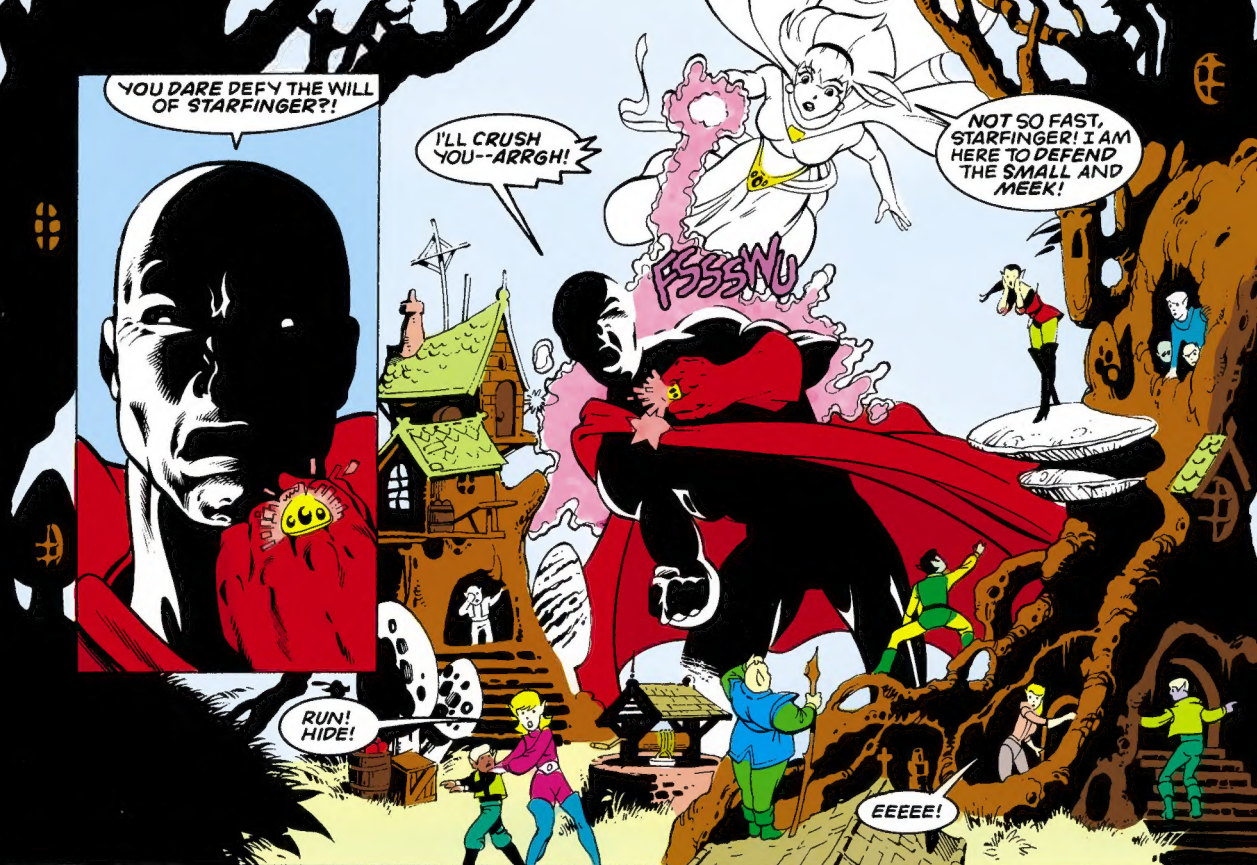
AWW...

NYAHH!

ACTING LIKE A BABY ISN'T ANY BETTER, AYLA, SO, STOP-- BOTH OF YOU!







YOU DARE DEFY THE WILL OF STARFINGER?!

I'LL CRUSH YOU--ARRGH!

NOT SO FAST, STARFINGER! I AM HERE TO DEFEND THE SMALL AND MEK!

PSSSSUU

RUN! HIDE!

EEEEEE!



YOU CANNOT STOP ME, WHITE WITCH! MY SISTER AND I WILL NOT REST UNTIL ALL THE LANDS OF THIS WORLD BOW TO OUR POWER!

YIEEEE!

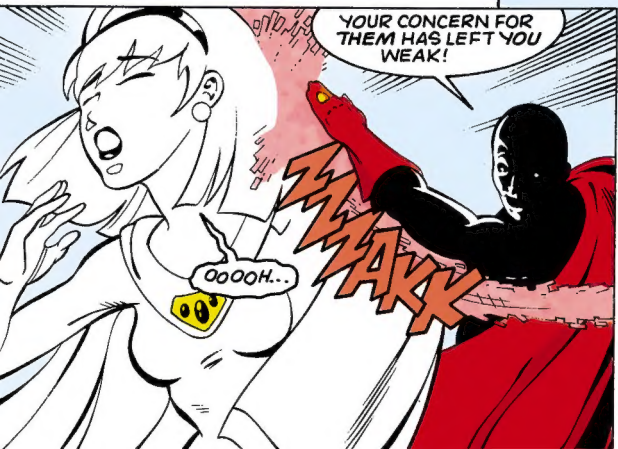


THE IMISKIANS SUMMONED ME FOR PROTECTION--



--AND WHILE I LIVE, THEY WILL NOT BE HARMED!

PSSSSUU



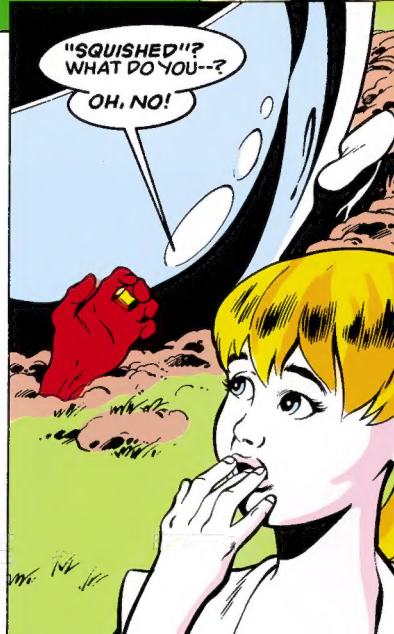
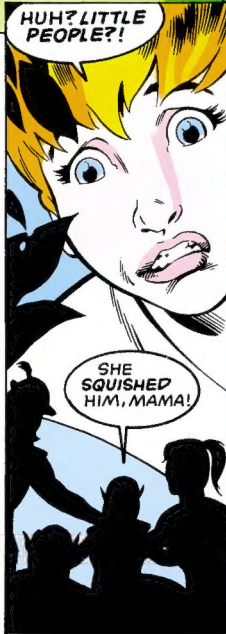
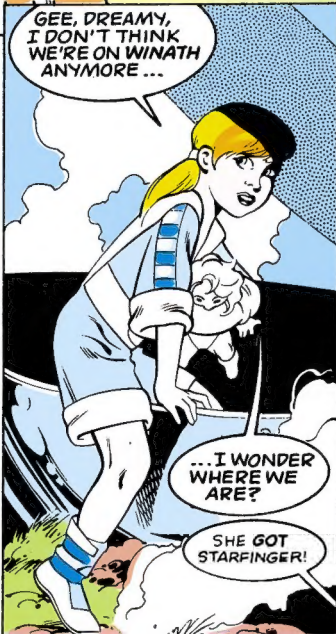
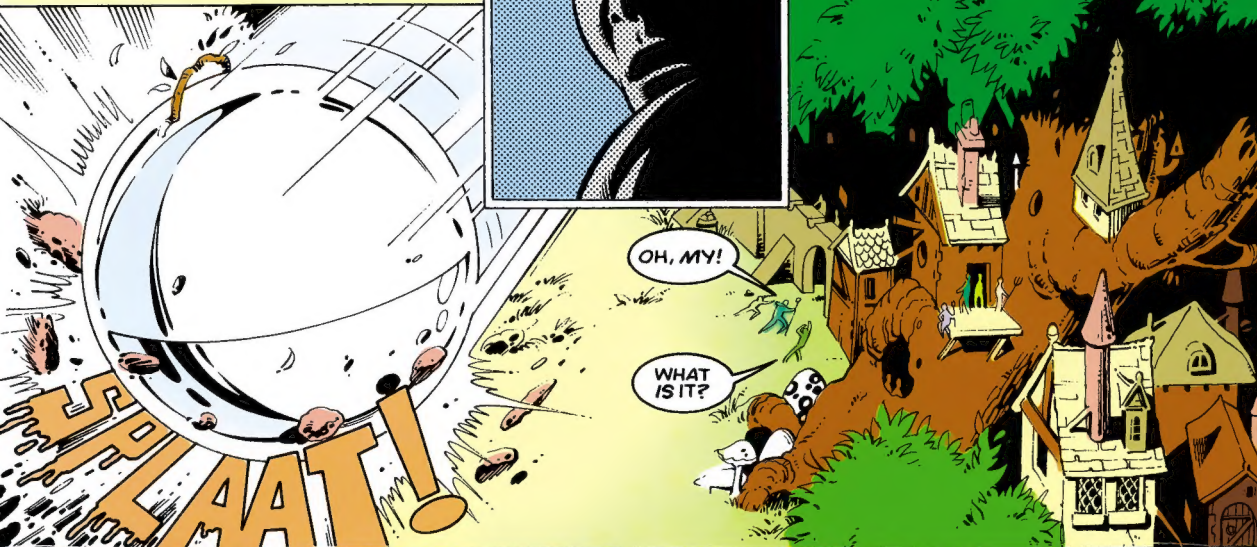
YOUR CONCERN FOR THEM HAS LEFT YOU WEAK!

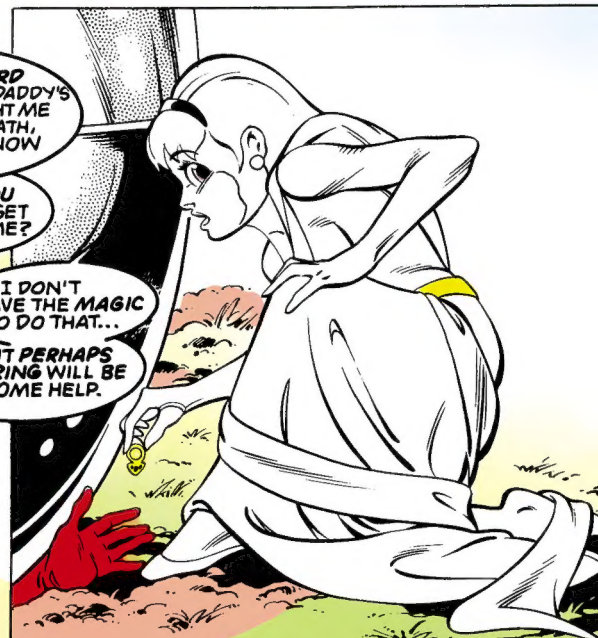
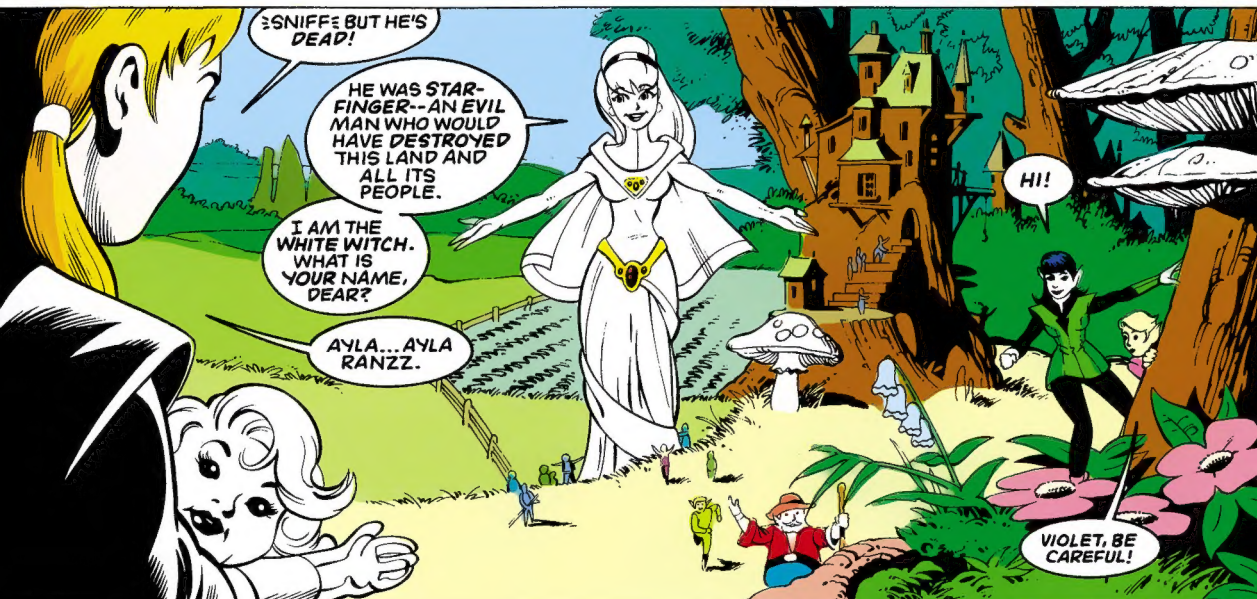
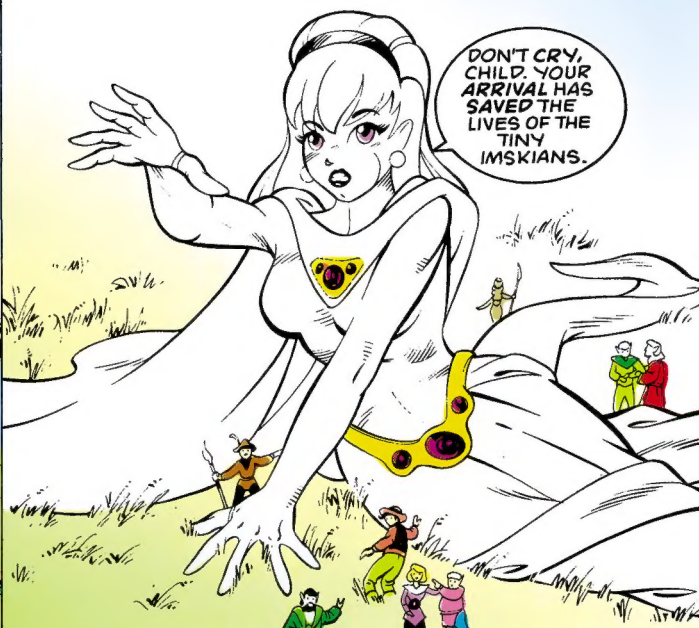
OooooH...

ZZZAKKX



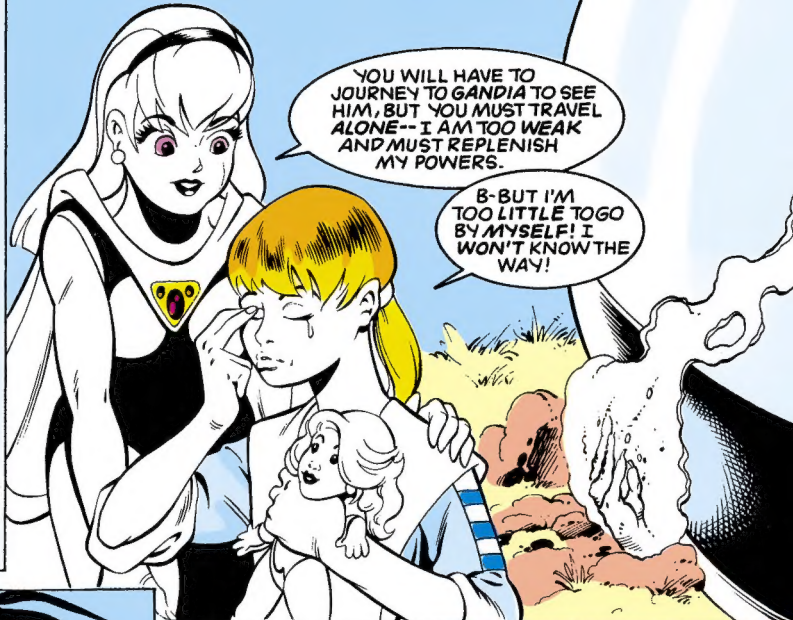
FOOLISH WITCH...







I THINK VALOR,
THE PRINCE OF ALL
THE LANDS, MAY
HAVE THE POWER
TO HELP YOU.



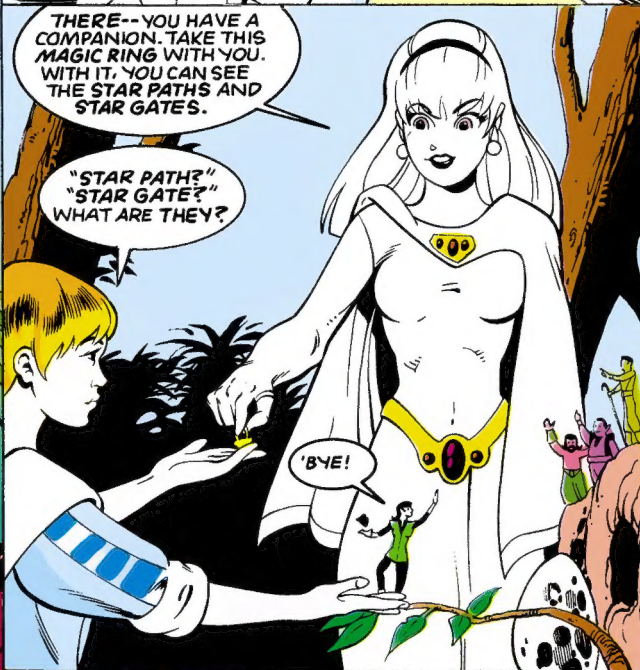
YOU WILL HAVE TO
JOURNEY TO GANDIA TO SEE
HIM, BUT YOU MUST TRAVEL
ALONE-- I AM TOO WEAK
AND MUST REPLENISH
MY POWERS.

B-BUT I'M
TOO LITTLE TO GO
BY MYSELF! I
WON'T KNOW THE
WAY!



I'LL GO WITH YOU, AYL-
AYLA RANZZ! I'VE ALWAYS
DREAMED OF SEEING
FARAWAY LANDS!

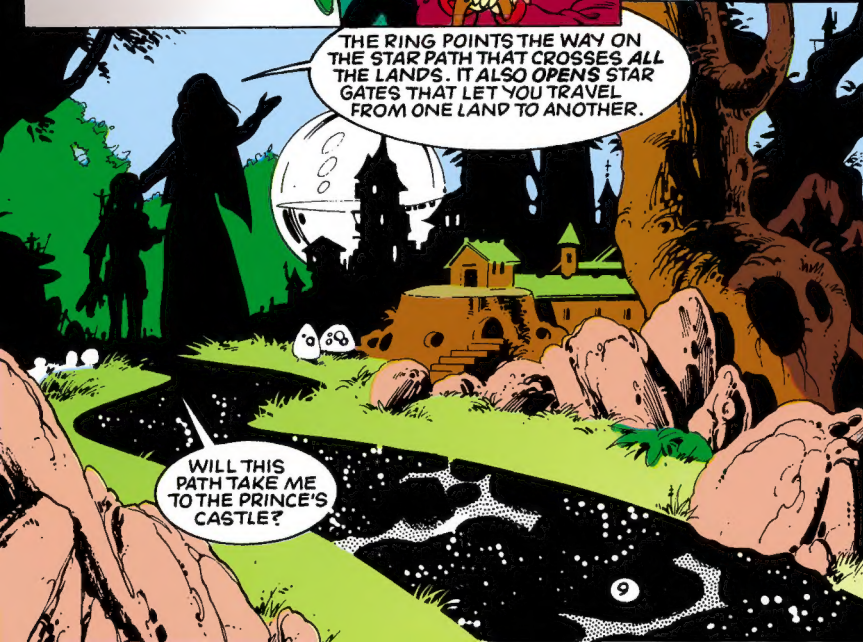
HMMPH...
FOOLISH
GIRL...



THERE-- YOU HAVE A
COMPANION. TAKE THIS
MAGIC RING WITH YOU.
WITH IT, YOU CAN SEE
THE STAR PATHS AND
STAR GATES.

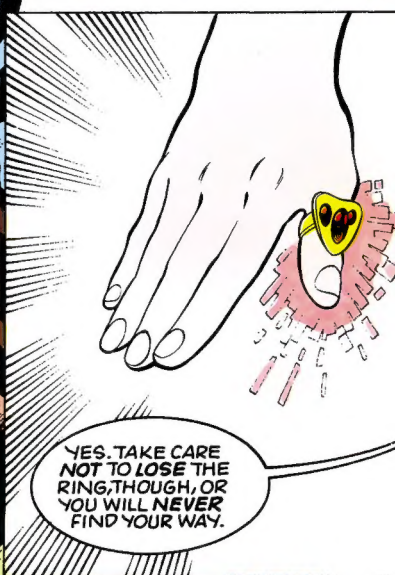
"STAR PATH?"
"STAR GATE?"
WHAT ARE THEY?

'BYE!

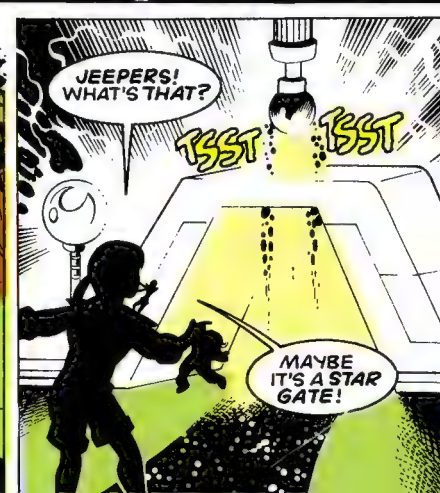
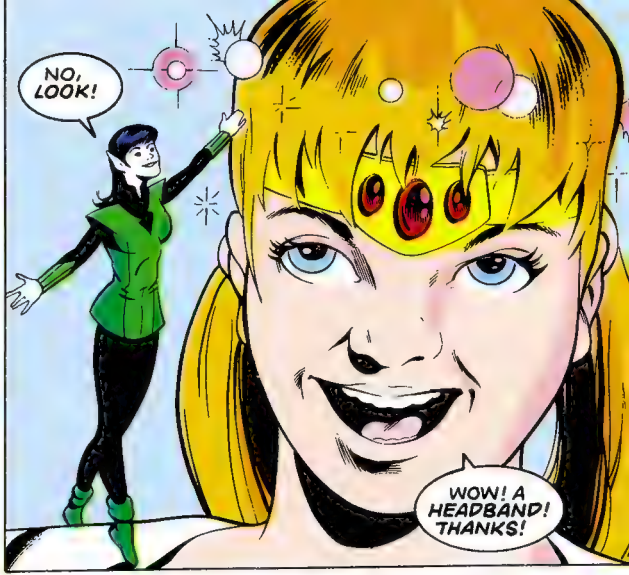
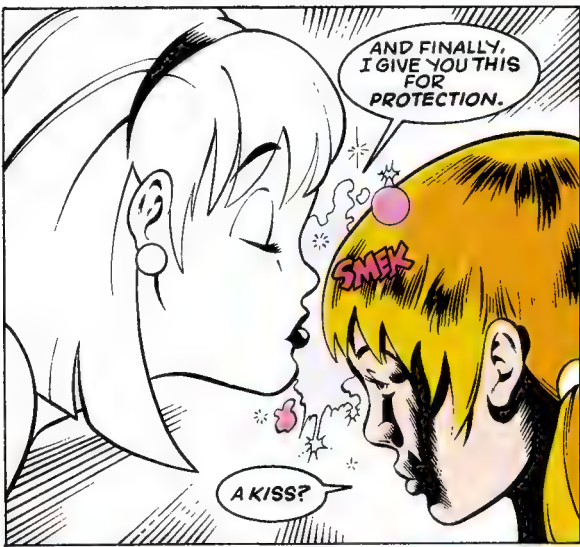


THE RING POINTS THE WAY ON
THE STAR PATH THAT CROSSES ALL
THE LANDS. IT ALSO OPENS STAR
GATES THAT LET YOU TRAVEL
FROM ONE LAND TO ANOTHER.

WILL THIS
PATH TAKE ME
TO THE PRINCE'S
CASTLE?



YES, TAKE CARE
NOT TO LOSE THE
RING, THOUGH, OR
YOU WILL NEVER
FIND YOUR WAY.



WOW! THAT WAS NEAT! THE STAR GATE PUT US IN ANOTHER LAND!

IT'S SO STRANGE HERE. EVERYTHING'S SO DIFFERENT-LOOKING! EVEN WE LOOK--

--EEEK!

YEOW!

RELAX, AYLA! IT'S JUST A RABBIT. IT'S PROBABLY MORE SCARED THAN YOU ARE.

WOW, EVEN THE ANIMALS HERE LOOK STRANGE. I WONDER WHY?

HEE-HEE! OH, LOOKY HERE--BABY FLAPPERS! I LOVE BABY FLAPPERS!

IT'S YOUR TURN, SISTER SHADOWKIN. I GOT TO CHANGE THE FLOPPY-EARS!

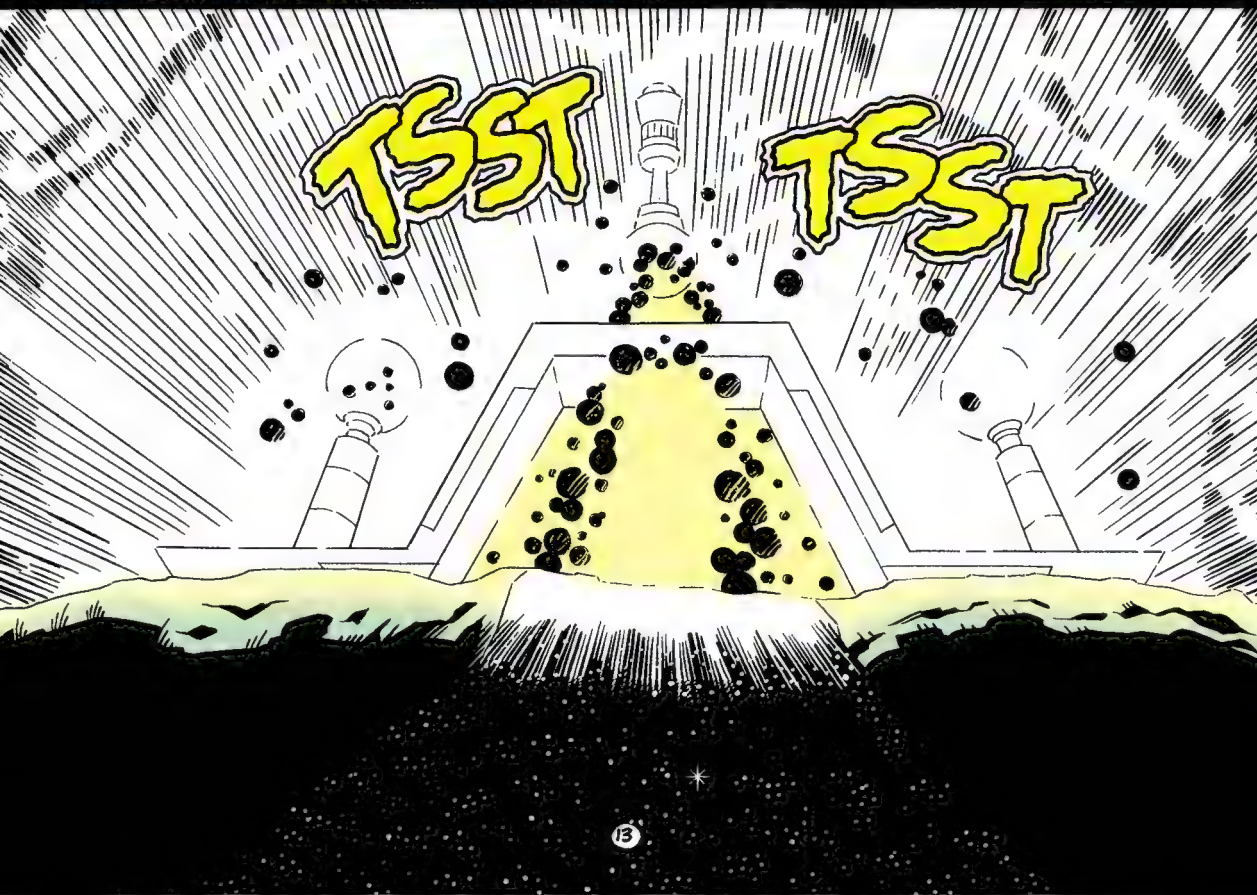
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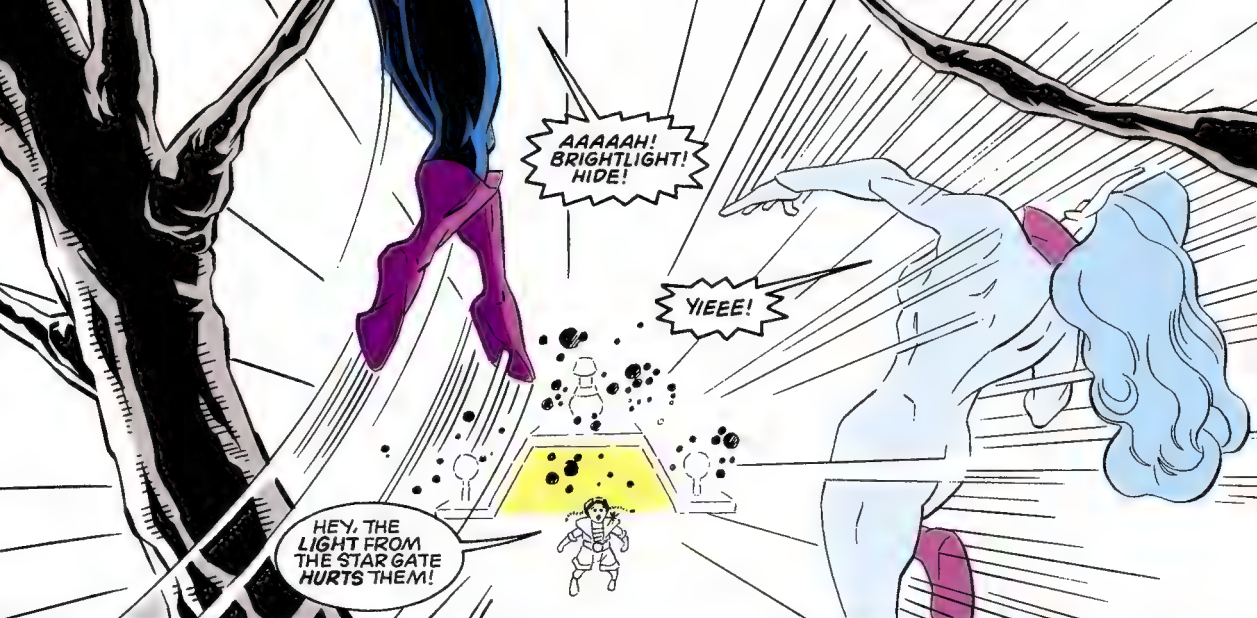
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WHEEEEE! PRESTO, SHADOW!

CHEEP?



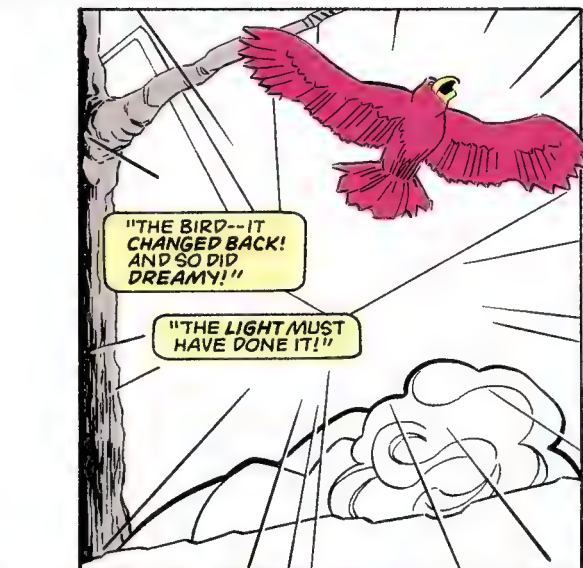




AAAAAH!
BRIGHTLIGHT!
HIDE!

YIEEE!

HEY, THE
LIGHT FROM
THE STAR GATE
HURTS THEM!



"THE BIRD--IT
CHANGED BACK!
AND SO DID
DREAMY!"

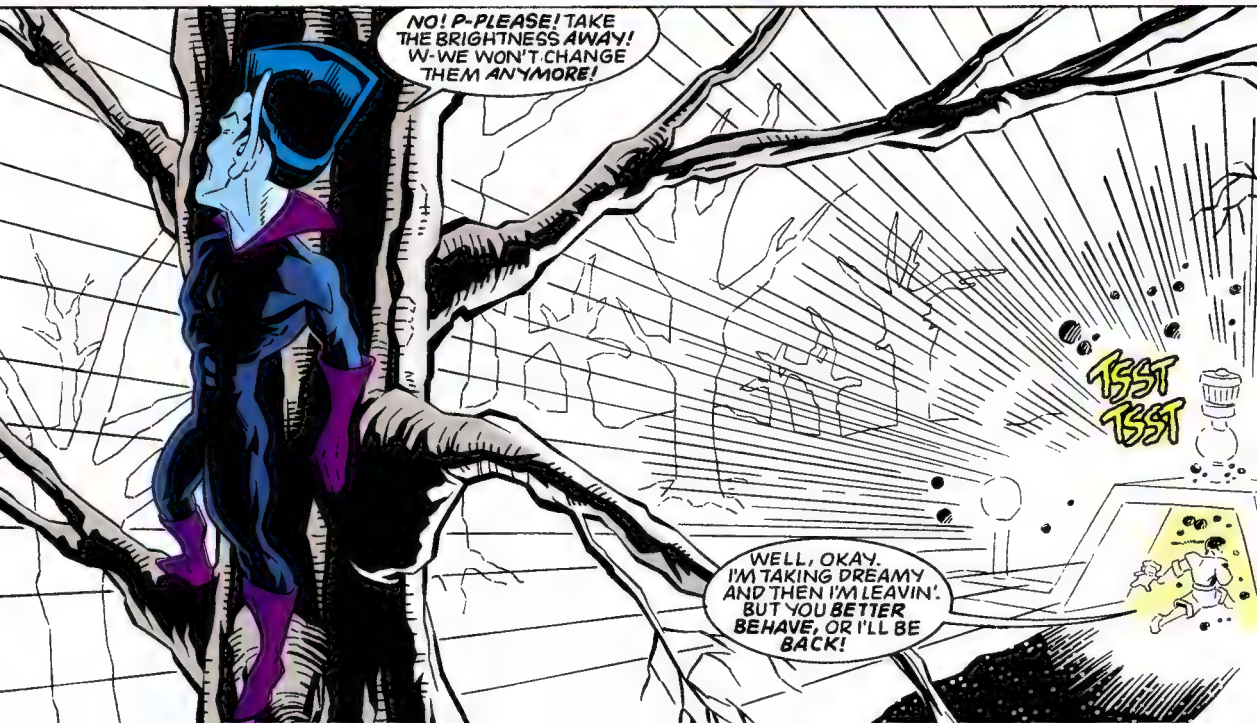
"THE LIGHT MUST
HAVE DONE IT!"



YOU SHADOWKINS
ARE REALLY MEAN!
I HOPE THE LIGHT
HURTS YOU AS MUCH
AS YOU HURT THE
ANIMALS!

IT'S NOT RIGHT
TO CHANGE THEM!
I SHOULD KEEP THE
LIGHT ON FOR A
LONG TIME AND
SEE HOW YOU
LIKE IT!

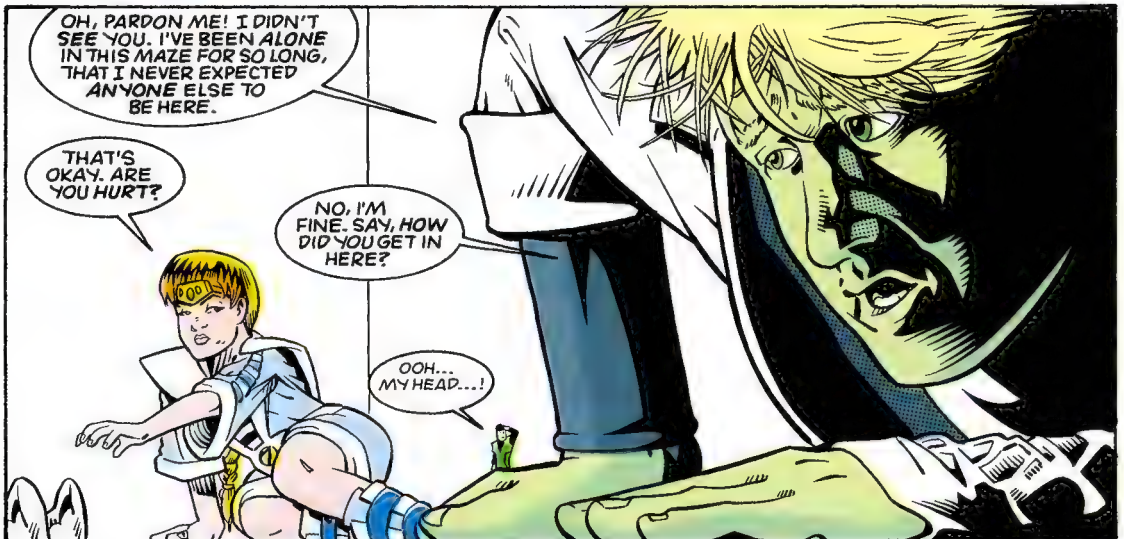
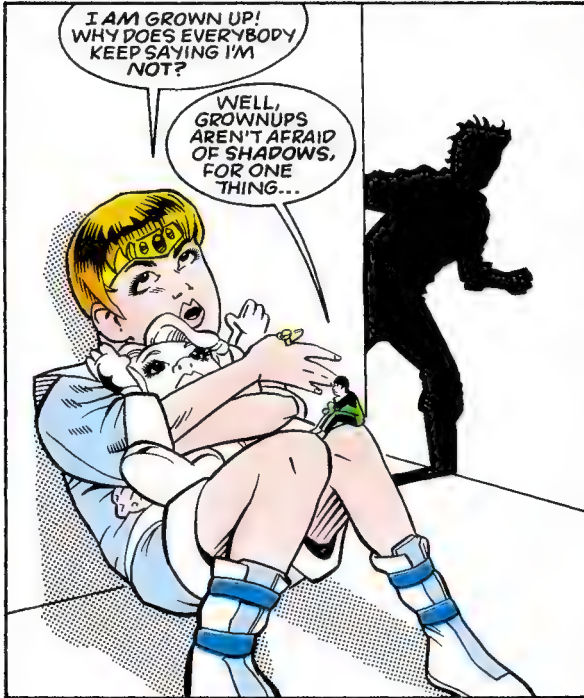
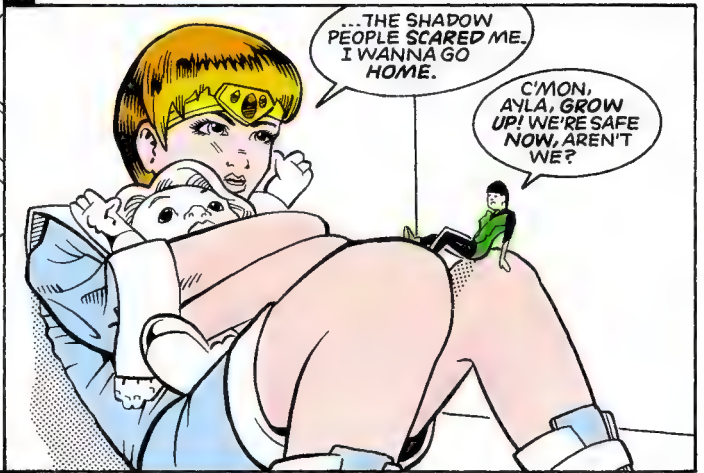
YOU
TELL 'EM,
AYLA!

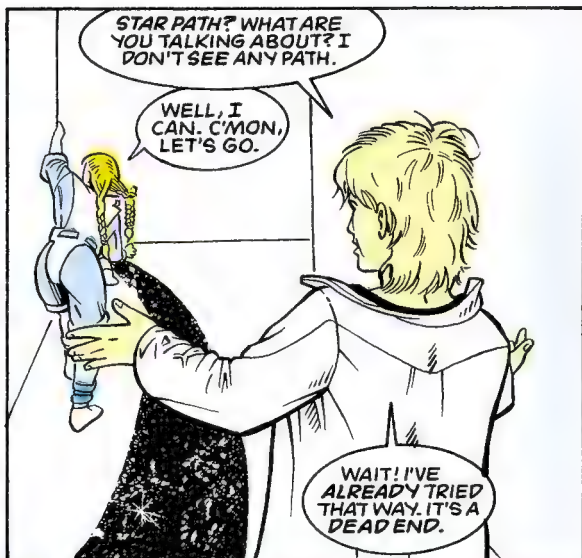
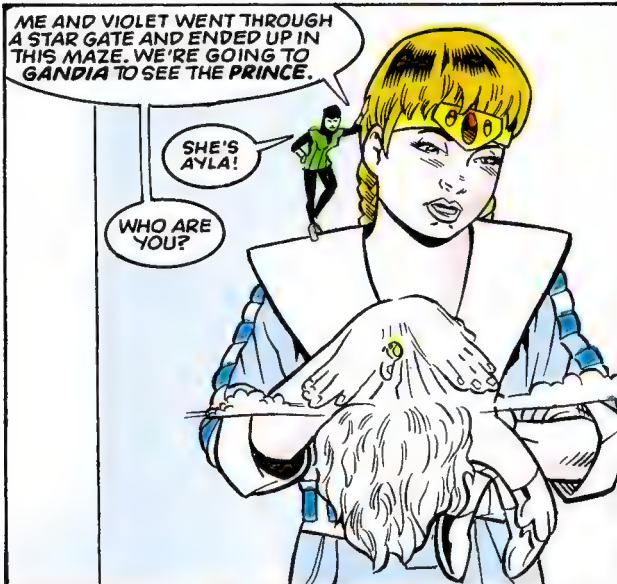


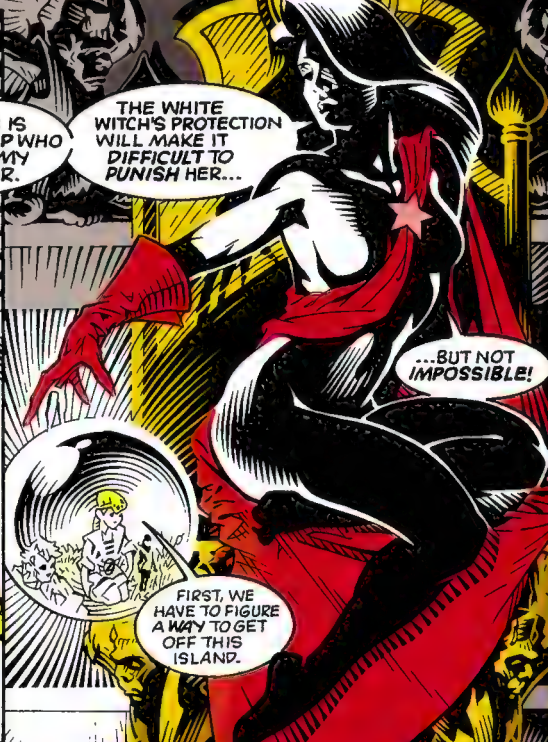
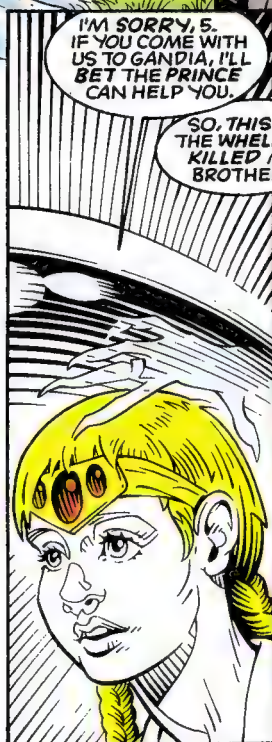
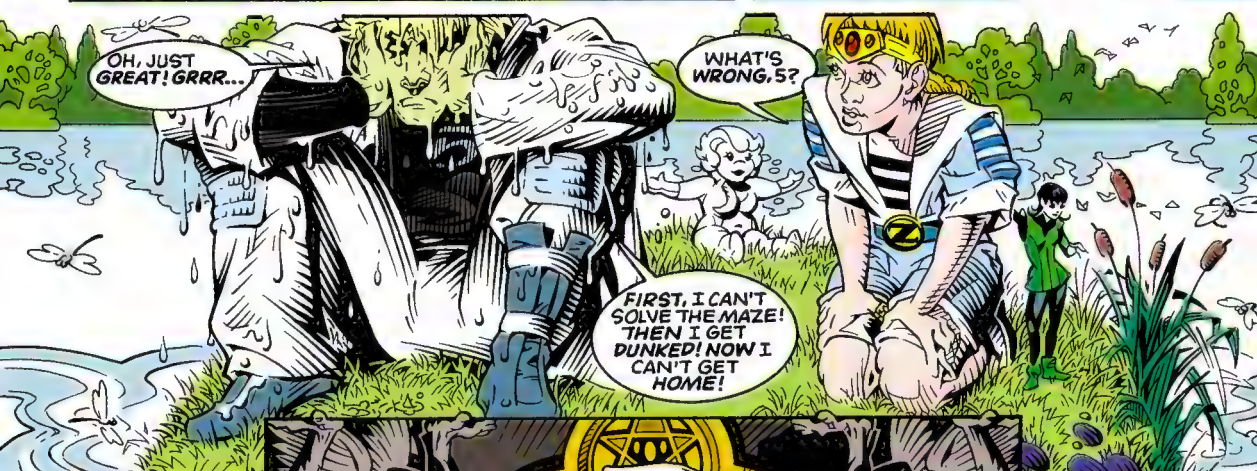
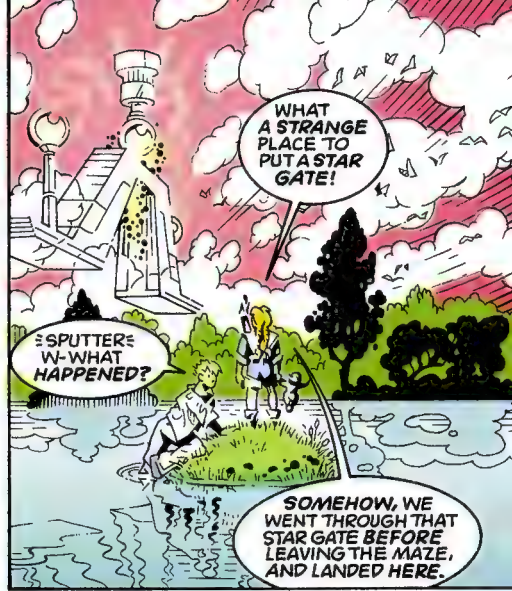
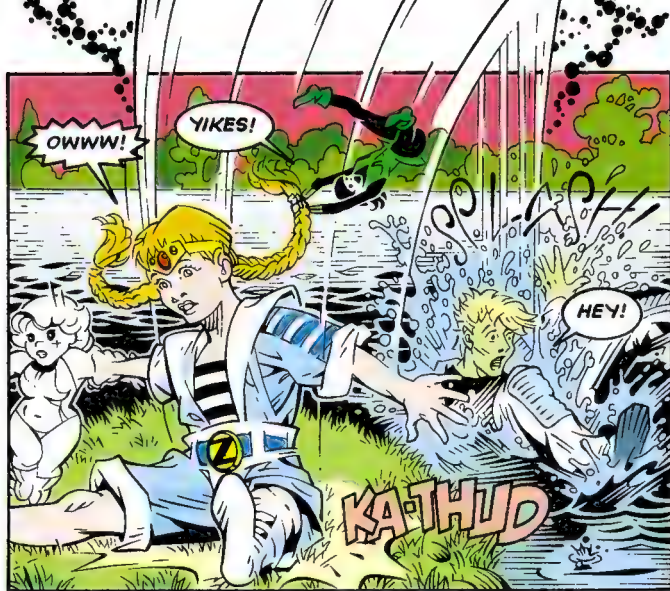
NO! P-PLEASE! TAKE
THE BRIGHTNESS AWAY!
W-WE WON'T CHANGE
THEM ANYMORE!

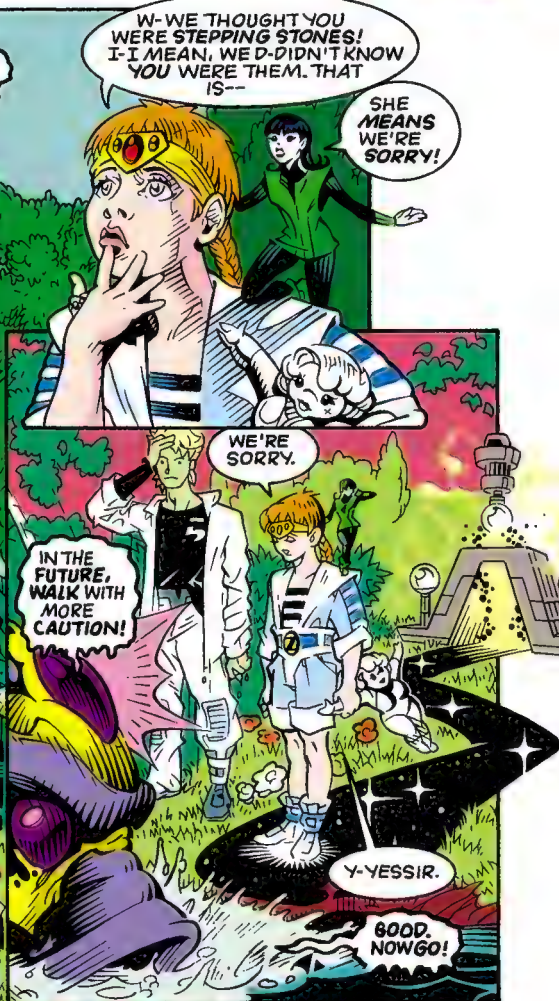
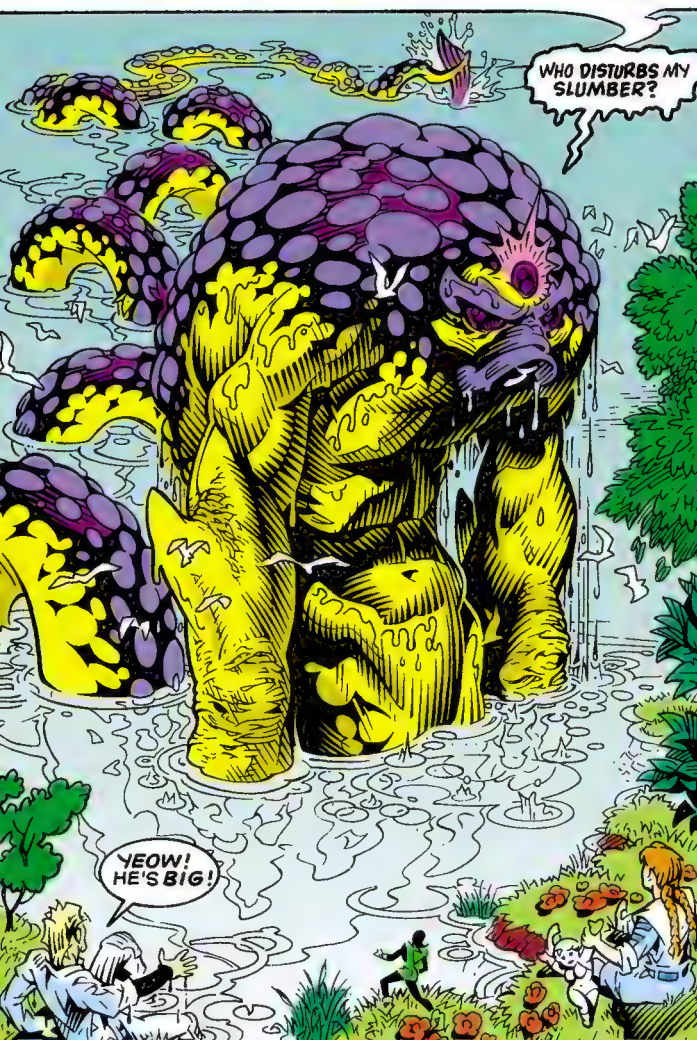
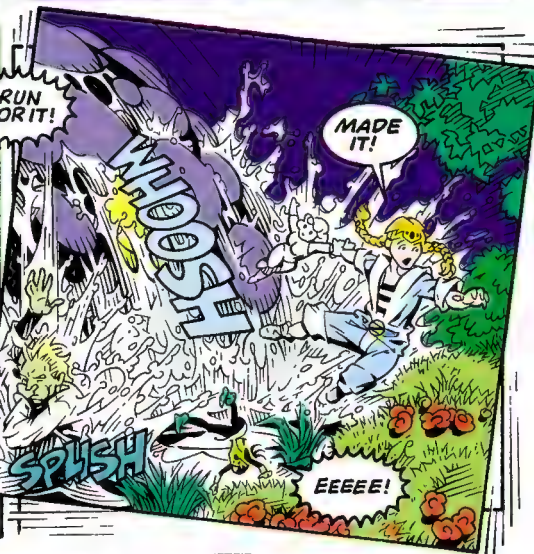
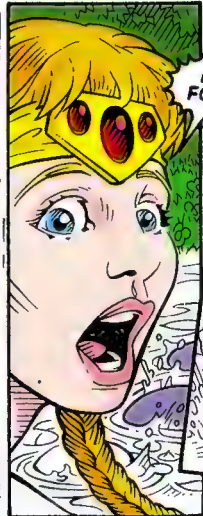
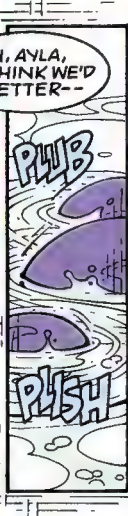
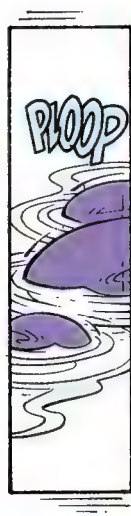
WELL, OKAY.
I'M TAKING DREAMY
AND THEN I'M LEAVIN'.
BUT YOU BETTER
BEHAVE, OR I'LL BE
BACK!

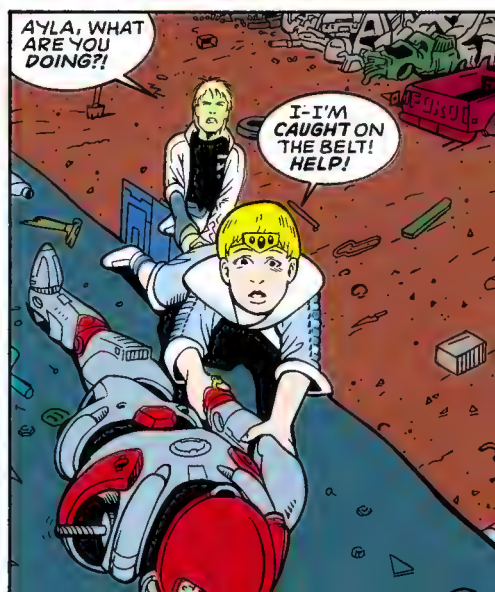
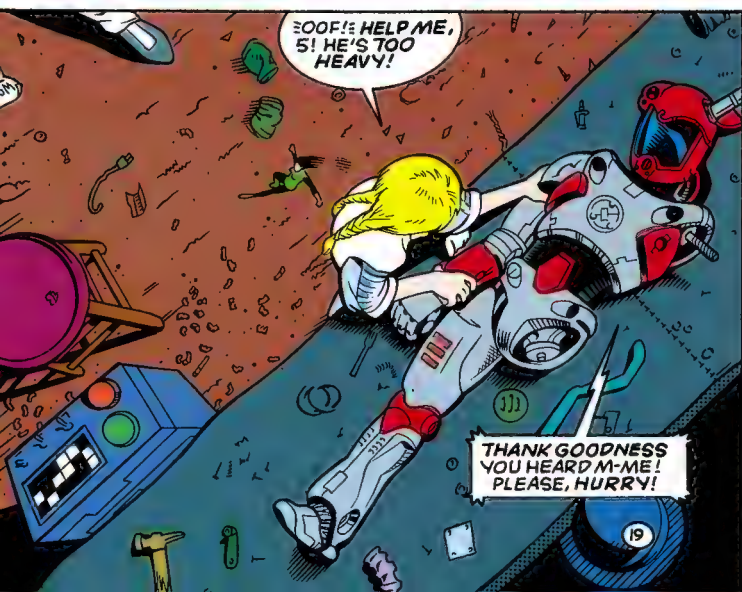
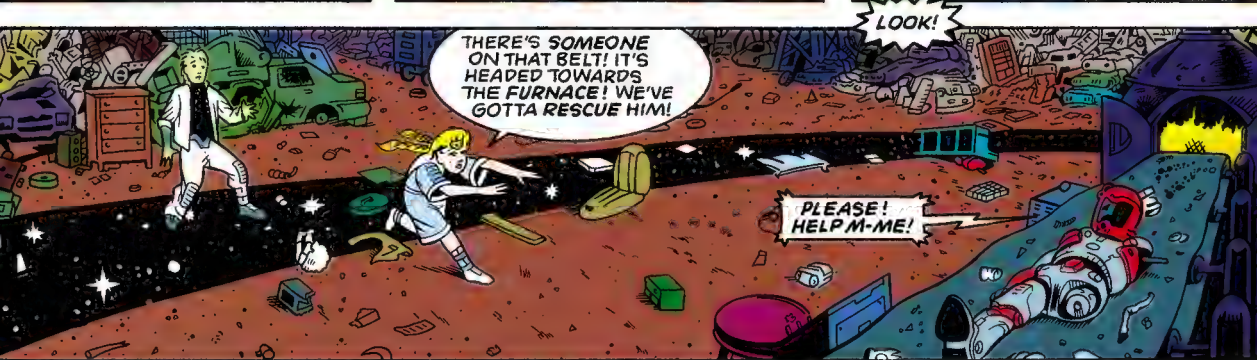
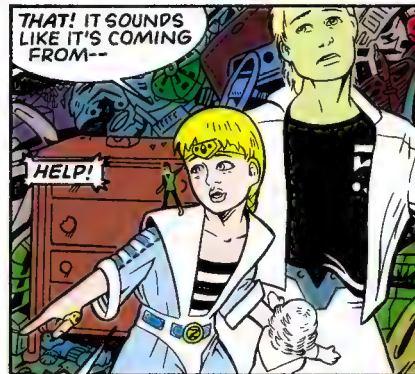
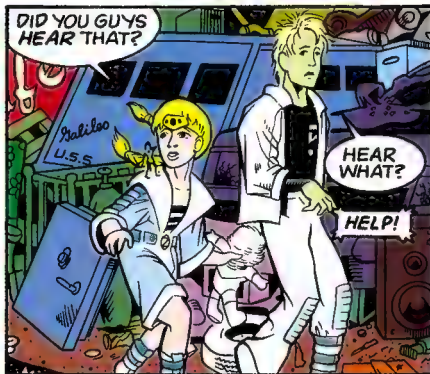
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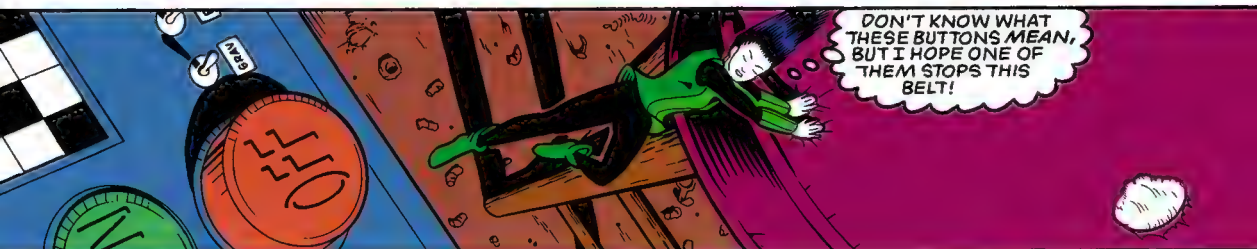


I'VE GOTTA DO SOMETHING, BUT WHAT?



AYLA! I-I CAN'T HOLD ON TO YOU!

WAIT! WHAT'S THIS?



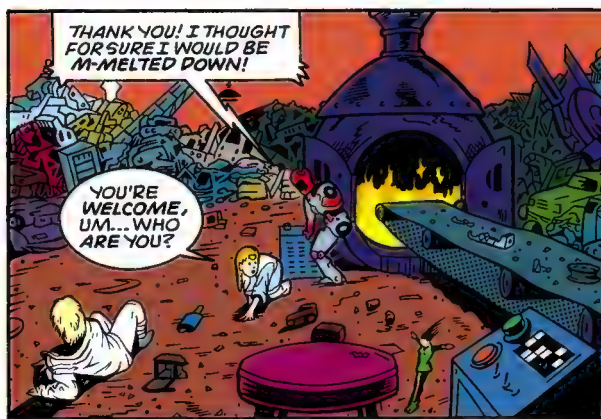
DON'T KNOW WHAT THESE BUTTONS MEAN, BUT I HOPE ONE OF THEM STOPS THIS BELT!



YEOW!

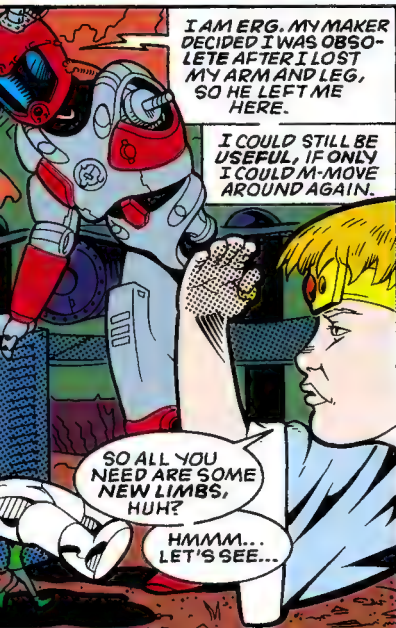
WHOA!

YES! I DID IT!



THANK YOU! I THOUGHT FOR SURE I WOULD BE M-MELTED DOWN!

YOU'RE WELCOME, UM... WHO ARE YOU?



I AM ERG. MY MAKER DECIDED I WAS OBSOLETE AFTER I LOST MY ARM AND LEG, SO HE LEFT ME HERE.

I COULD STILL BE USEFUL, IF ONLY I COULD M-MOVE AROUND AGAIN.

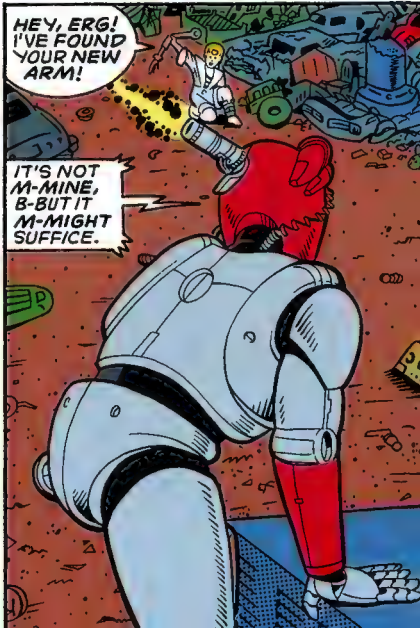
SO ALL YOU NEED ARE SOME NEW LIMBS, HUH?

HMMM... LET'S SEE...



GOT IT! STAY HERE, ERG! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

EUMPF! HERE'S YOUR DOLL, AYLA--AYLA?



HEY, ERG! I'VE FOUND YOUR NEW ARM!

IT'S NOT M-MINE, B-BUT IT M-MIGHT SUFFICE.



I WILL TRY TO ATTACH IT.

I'LL GIVE YOU A HAN--ER, I'LL HELP YOU, I MEAN.

5 AND I'LL TRY TO FIND A NEW LEG FOR YOU, ERG. WE'LL BE BACK--



--SOON...?



YOU! THE ONE WHO MURDERED MY BROTHER!

Y-YOUR BROTHER? STARFINGER? B-BUT HE WAS--

QUIET! I RULE THESE LANDS! I CONTROL EVERYTHING IN THEM!



AYLA?



THERE SHE IS... WHAT'S SHE DOING?



SHE LOOKS TERRIFIED! WHAT'S WRONG WITH--?



NOW I'LL CRUSH YOU LIKE YOU DID MY BROTHER!

OH, NO...

NO! GET AWAY!



I HOPE THIS WORKS!



WHAT--?

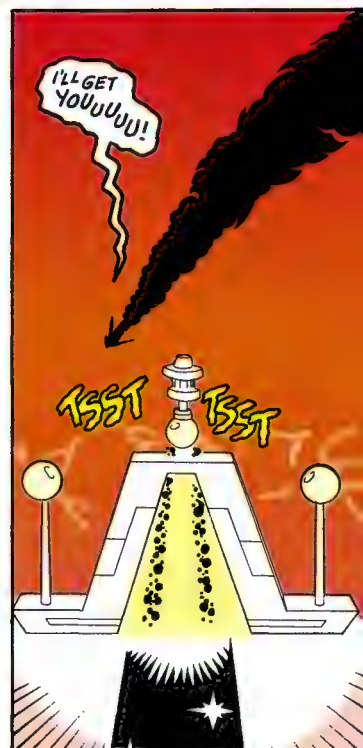
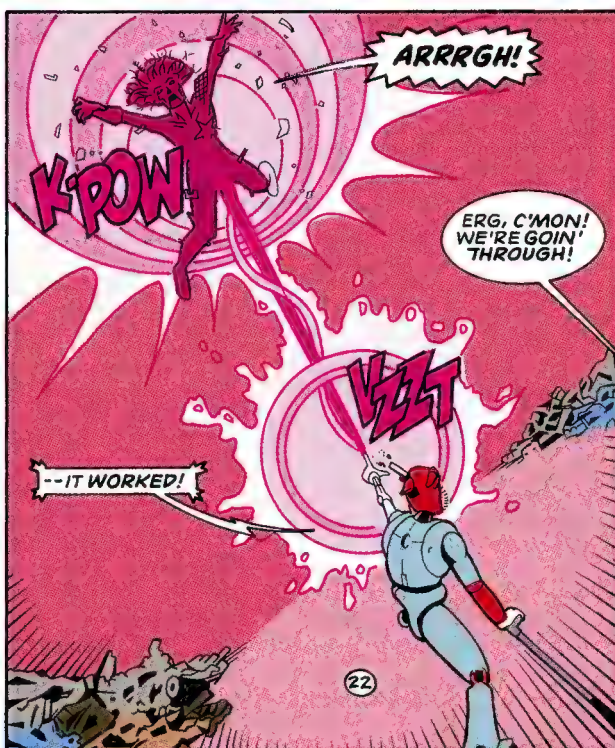
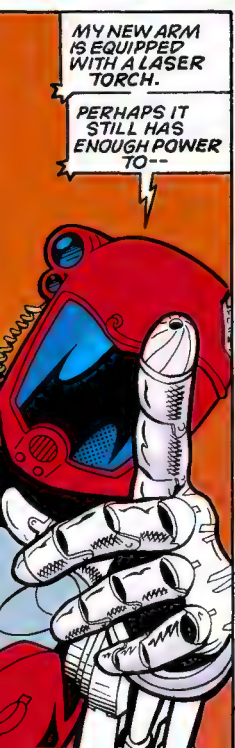
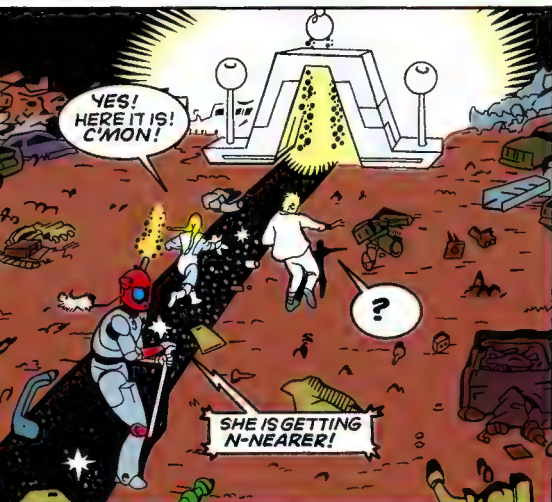
HUH?

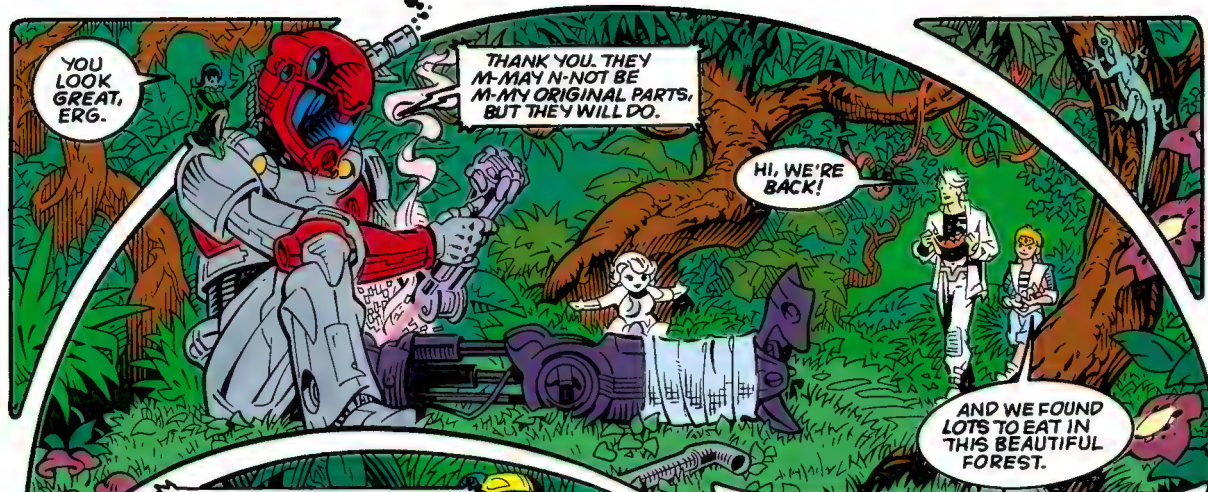


FOOLS! THIS RUBBLE WON'T HOLD ME FOR LONG!

SNAP OUT OF IT, AYLA! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

SHE-- SHE TRIED TO KILL ME!



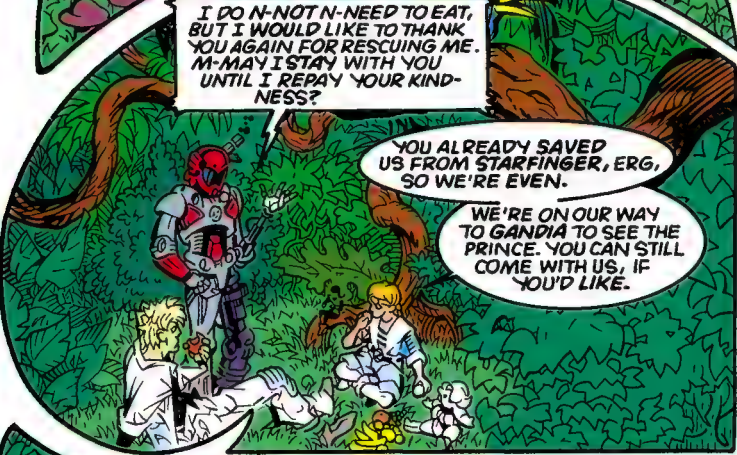


YOU LOOK GREAT, ERG.

THANK YOU. THEY M-MAY N-NOT BE M-MY ORIGINAL PARTS, BUT THEY WILL DO.

HI, WE'RE BACK!

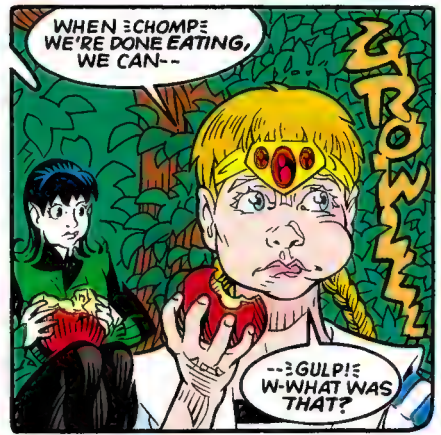
AND WE FOUND LOTS TO EAT IN THIS BEAUTIFUL FOREST.



I DO N-NOT N-NEED TO EAT, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR RESCUING ME. M-MAY I STAY WITH YOU UNTIL I REPAY YOUR KINDNESS?

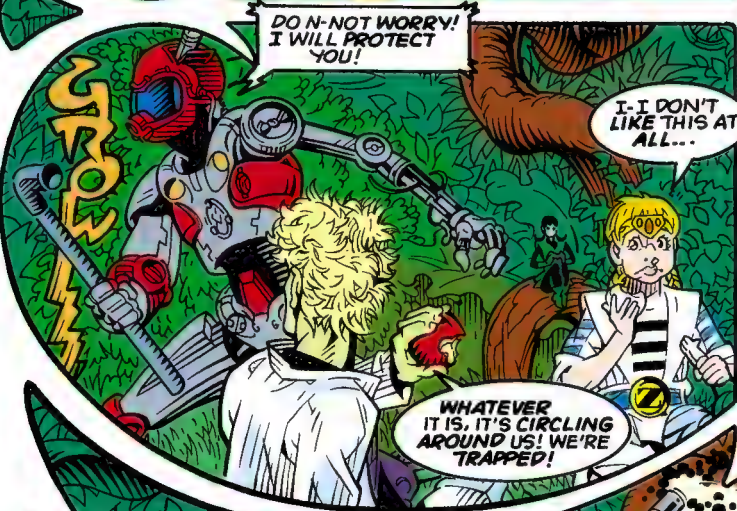
YOU ALREADY SAVED US FROM STARFINGER, ERG, SO WE'RE EVEN.

WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO GANDIA TO SEE THE PRINCE. YOU CAN STILL COME WITH US, IF YOU'D LIKE.



WHEN I CHOMPE WE'RE DONE EATING, WE CAN--

--GULP! W-WHAT WAS THAT?



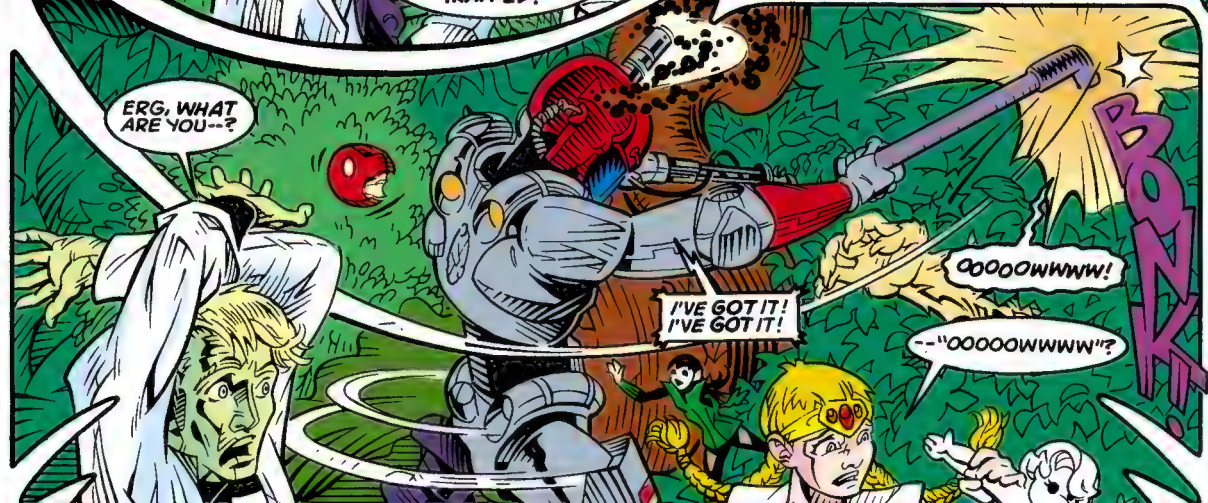
DO N-NOT WORRY! I WILL PROTECT YOU!

I-I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL...

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S CIRCLING AROUND US! WE'RE TRAPPED!



...DO YOU THINK IT'S STARFINGER--



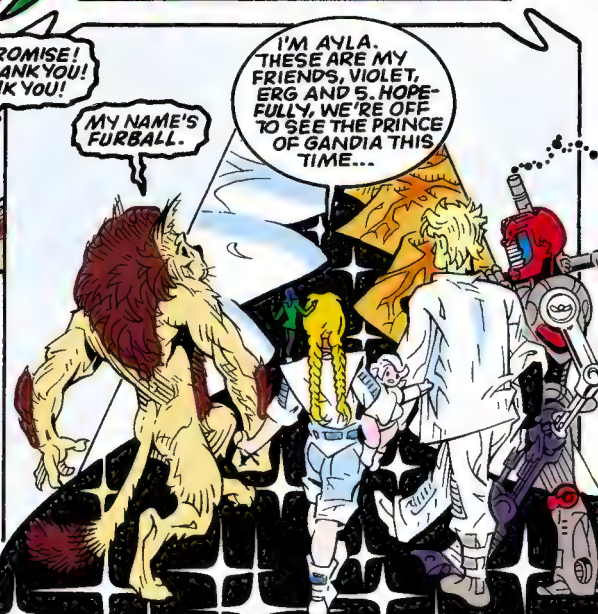
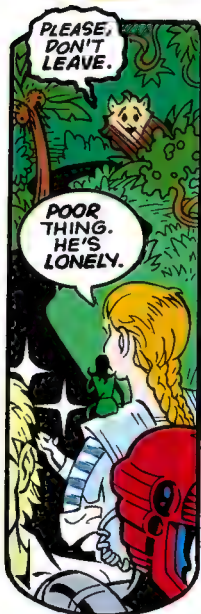
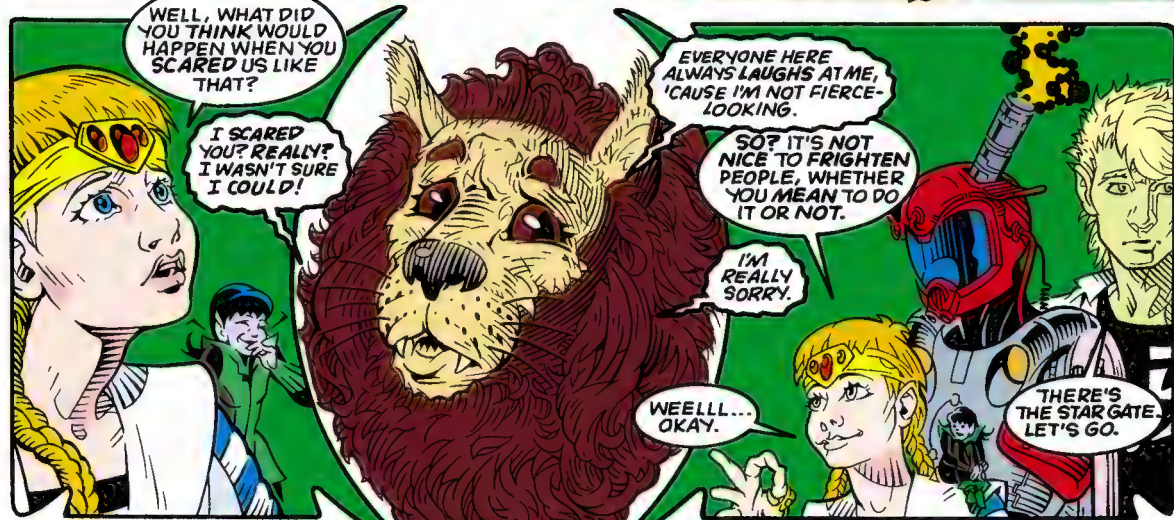
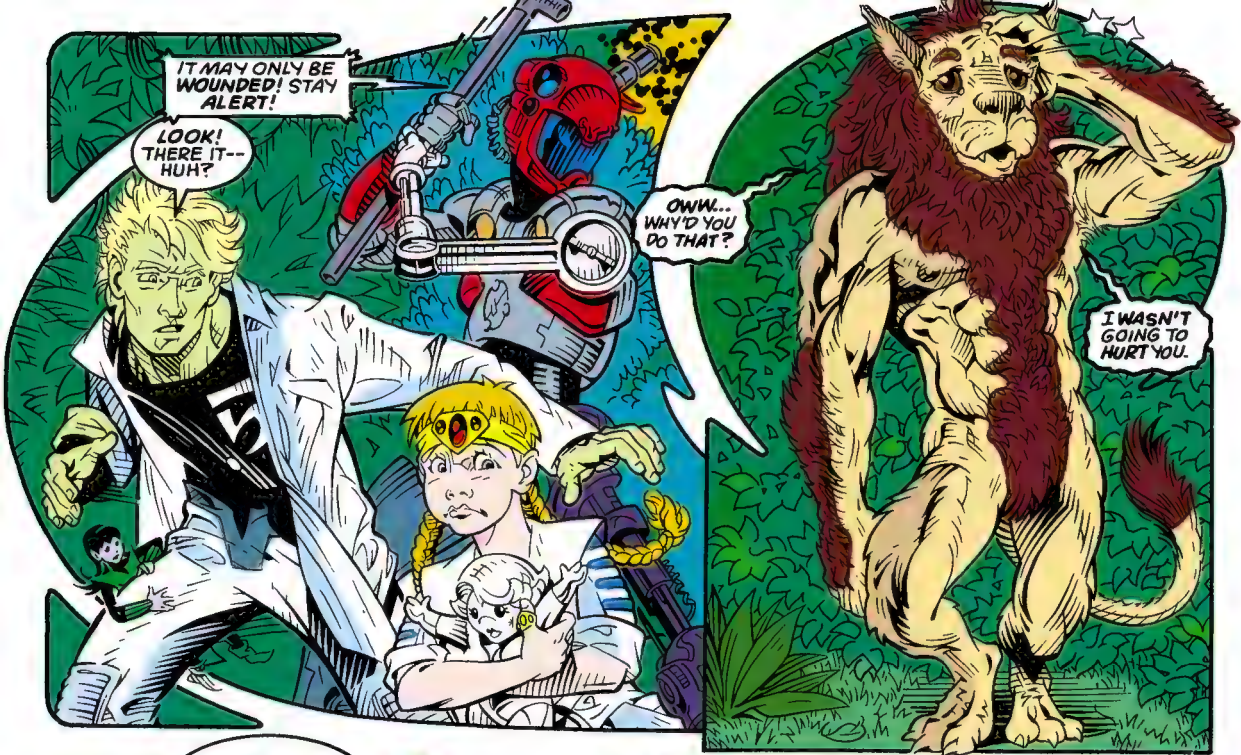
ERG, WHAT ARE YOU--?

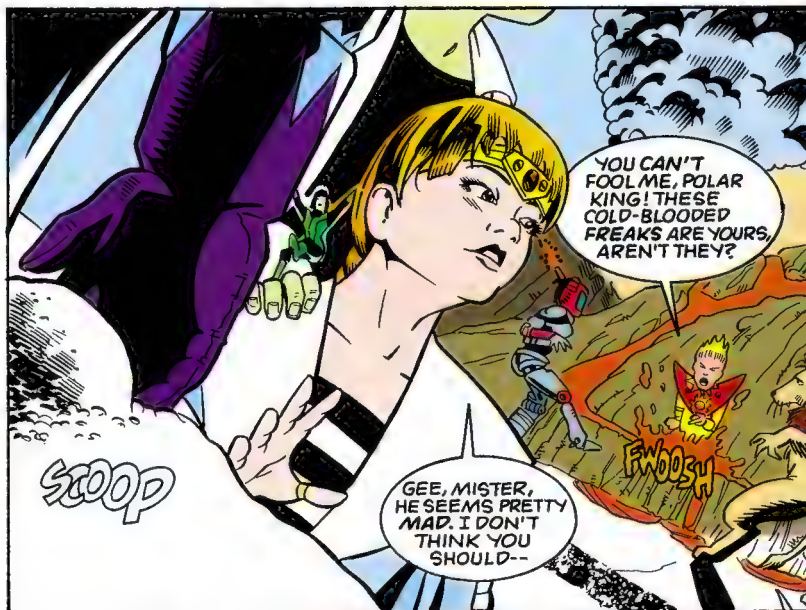
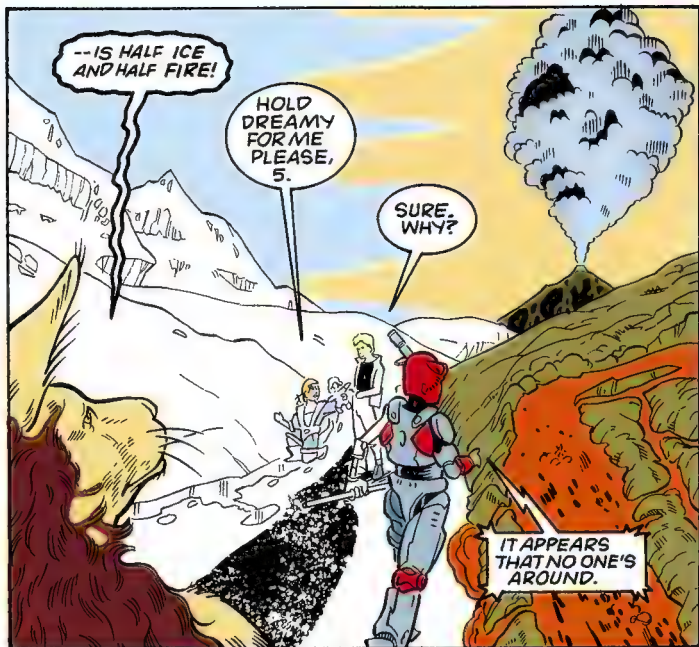
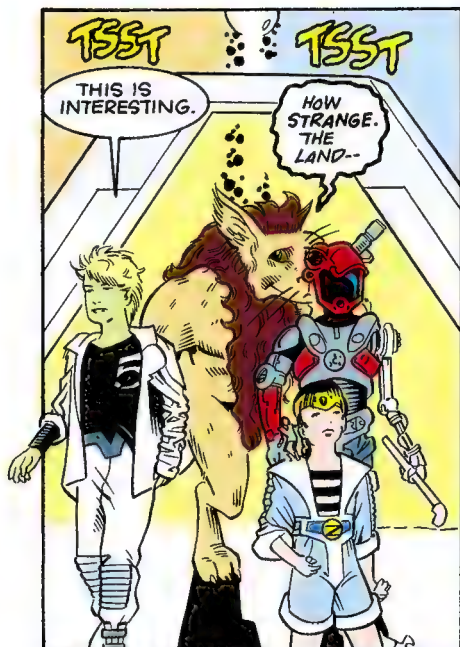
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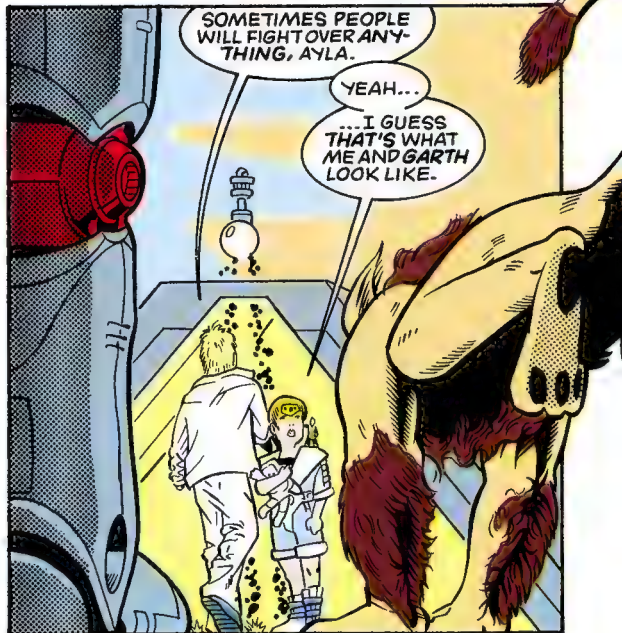
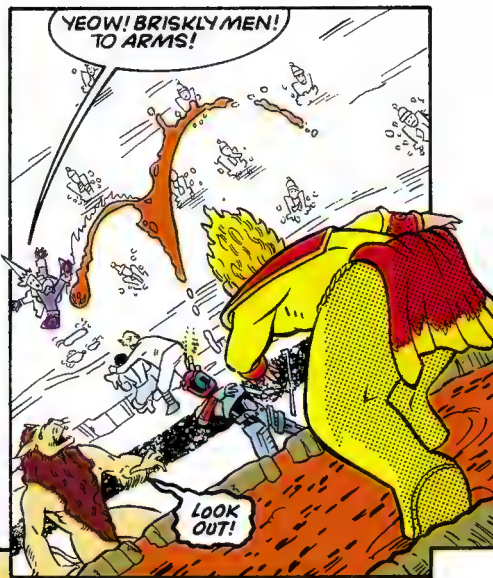
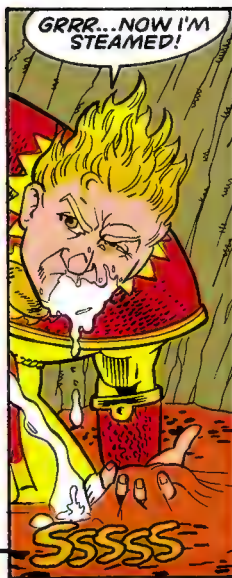
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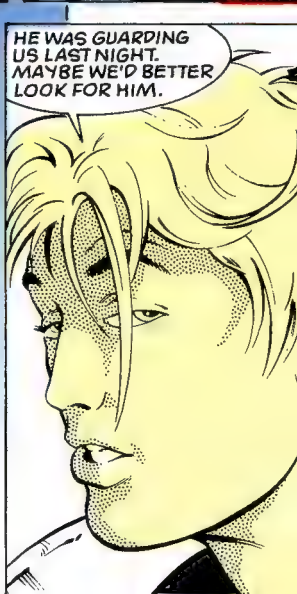
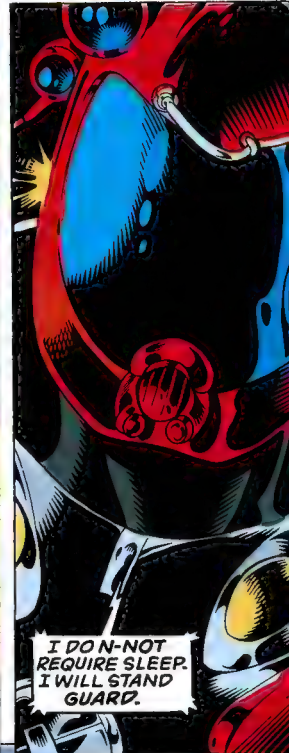
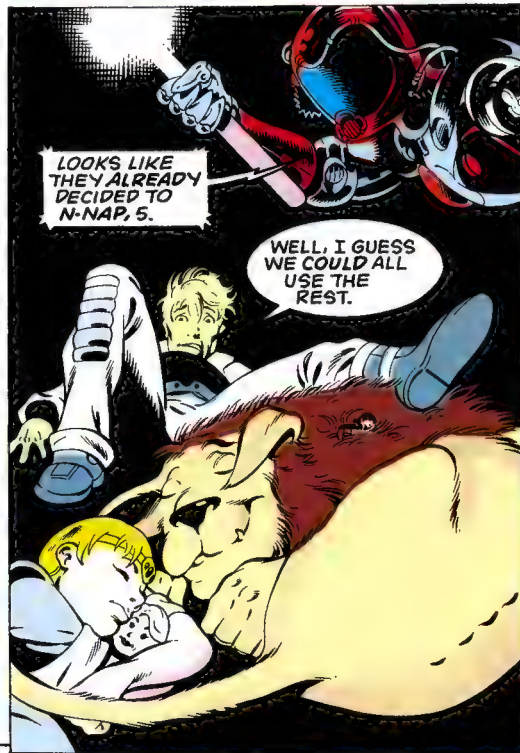
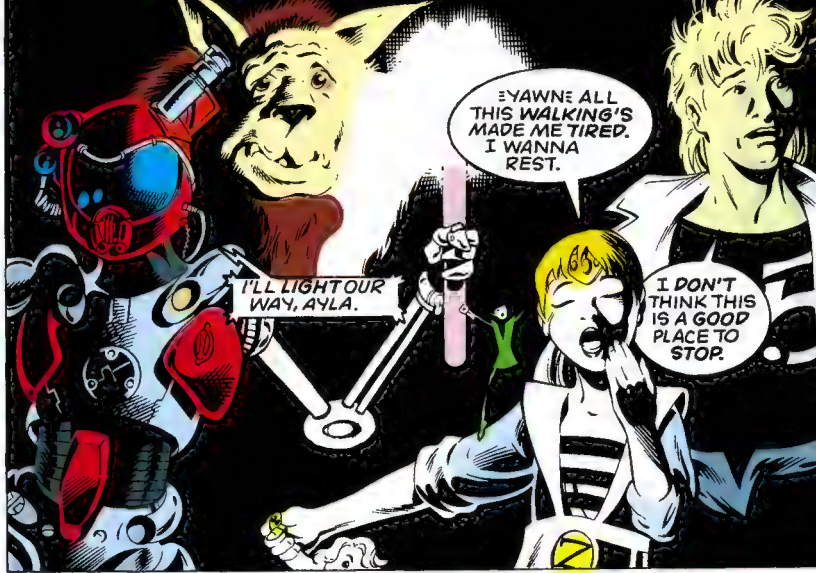
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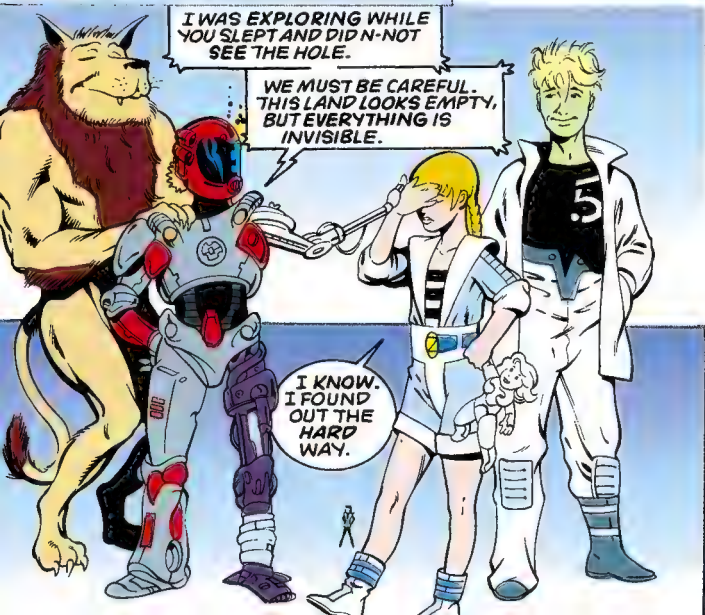
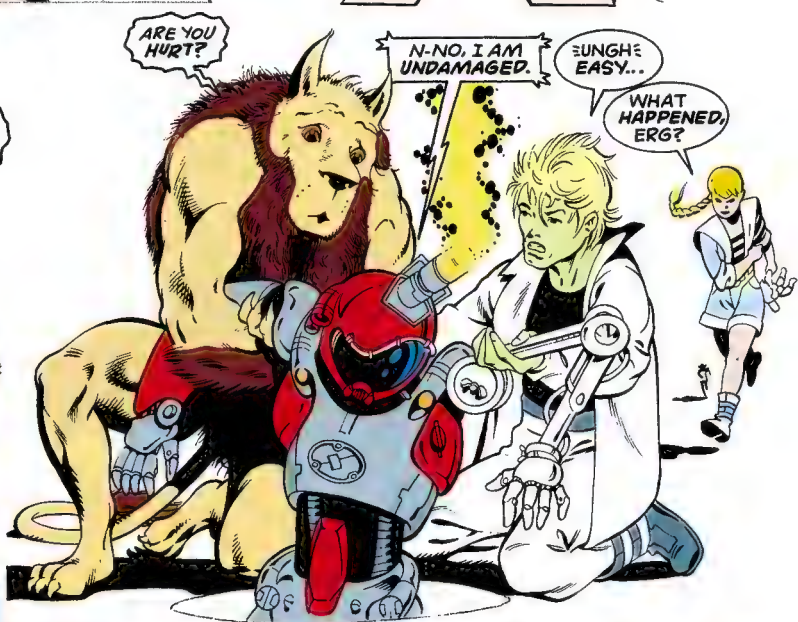
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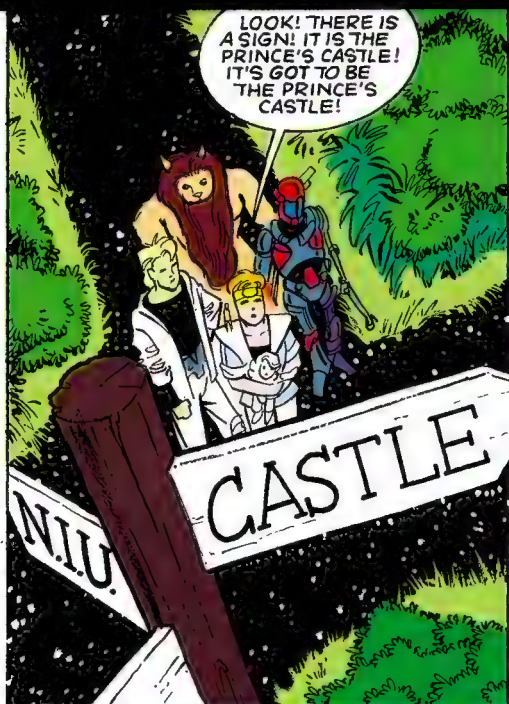
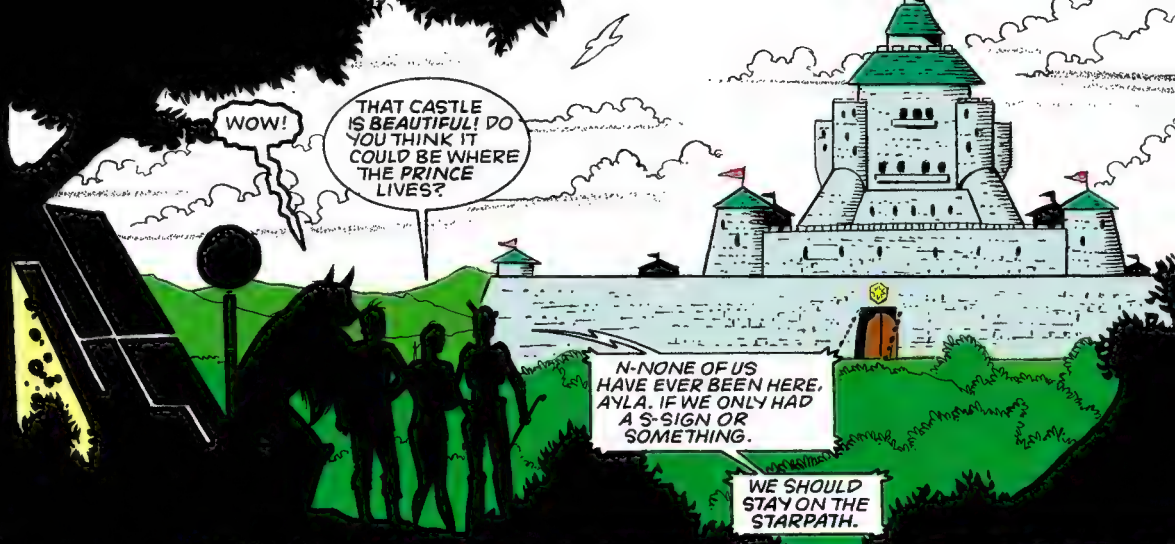


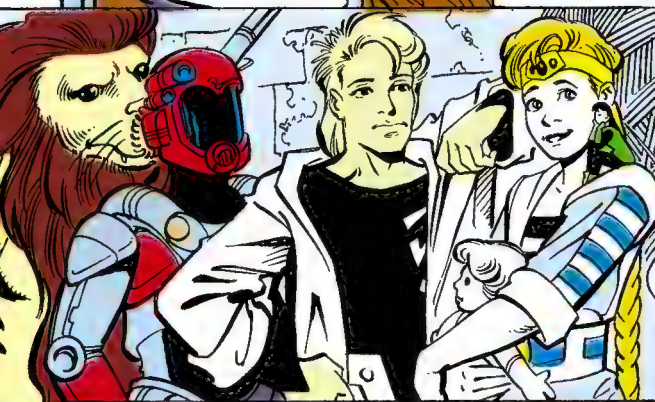
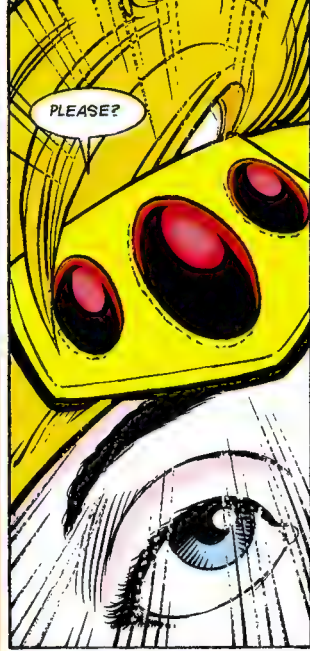
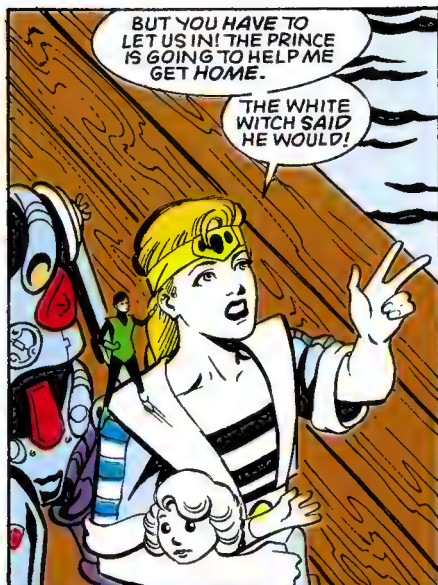


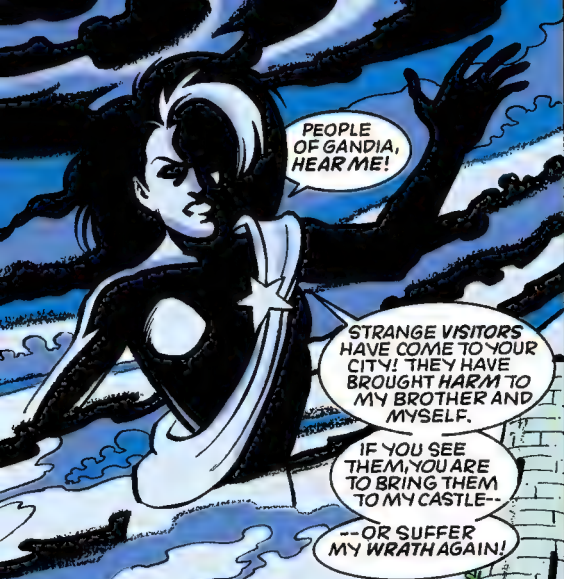












PEOPLE
OF GANDIA,
HEAR ME!

STRANGE VISITORS
HAVE COME TO YOUR
CITY! THEY HAVE
BROUGHT HARM TO
MY BROTHER AND
MYSELF.

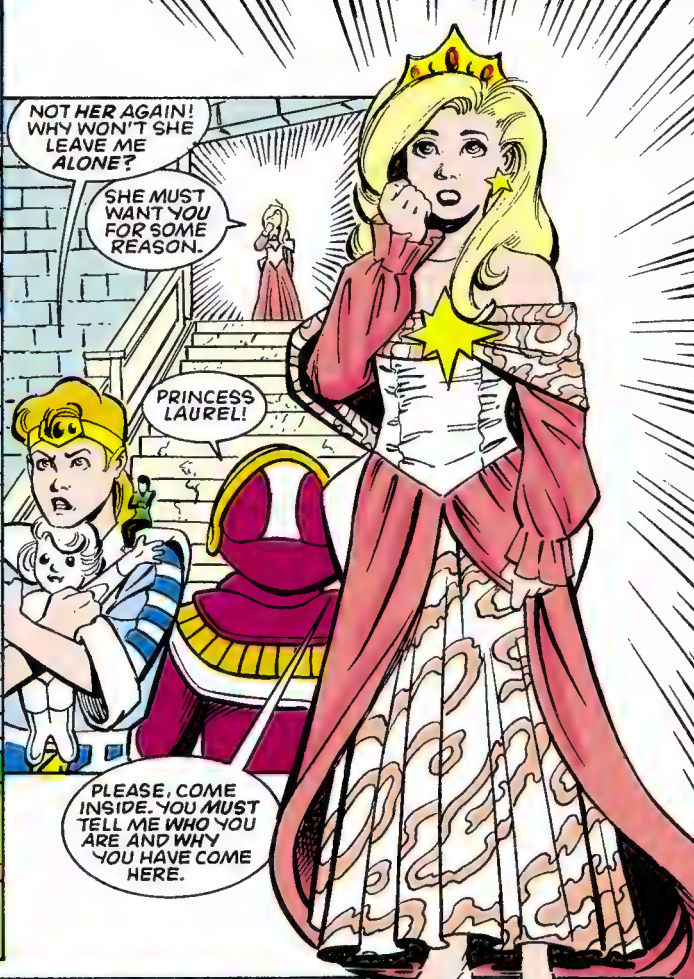
IF YOU SEE
THEM, YOU ARE
TO BRING THEM
TO MY CASTLE--

--OR SUFFER
MY WRATH AGAIN!



!GASP!:

STARFINGER!

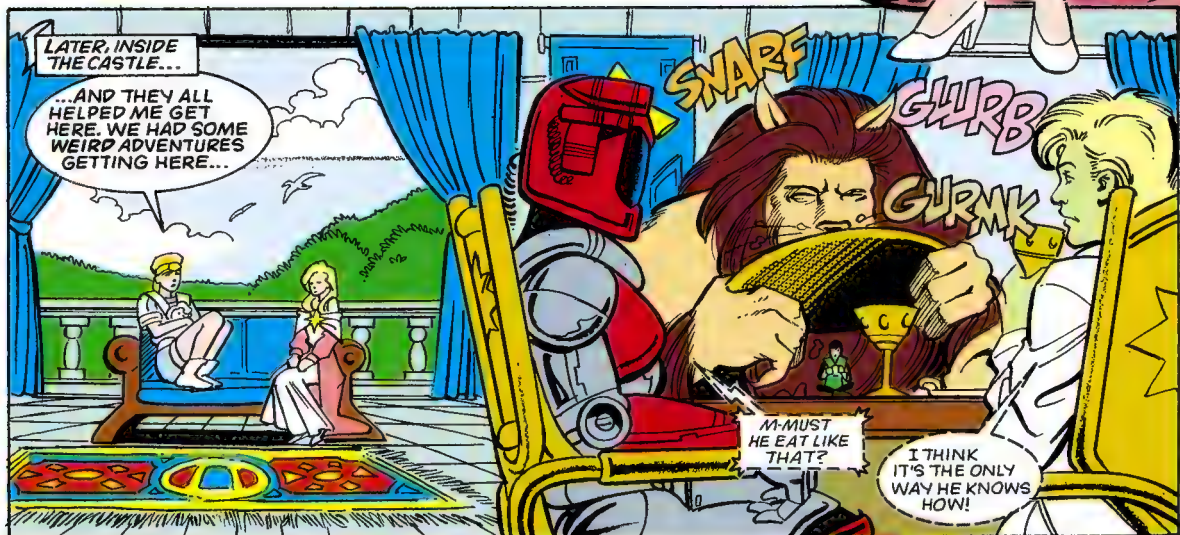


NOT HER AGAIN!
WHY WON'T SHE
LEAVE ME
ALONE?

SHE MUST
WANT YOU
FOR SOME
REASON.

PRINCESS
LAUREL!

PLEASE, COME
INSIDE. YOU MUST
TELL ME WHO YOU
ARE AND WHY
YOU HAVE COME
HERE.



LATER, INSIDE
THE CASTLE...

...AND THEY ALL
HELPED ME GET
HERE. WE HAD SOME
WEIRD ADVENTURES
GETTING HERE...

SNARF

GLURP

GURAK

M-MUST
HE EAT LIKE
THAT?

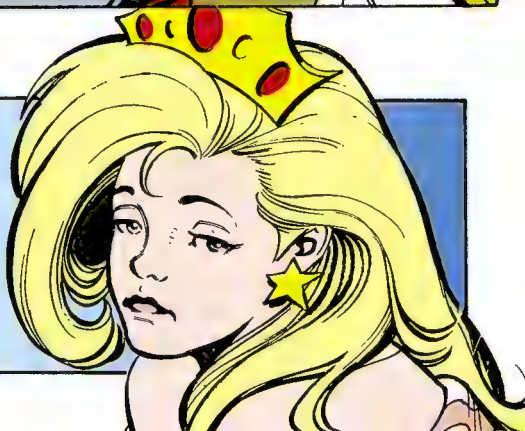
I THINK
IT'S THE ONLY
WAY HE KNOWS
HOW!

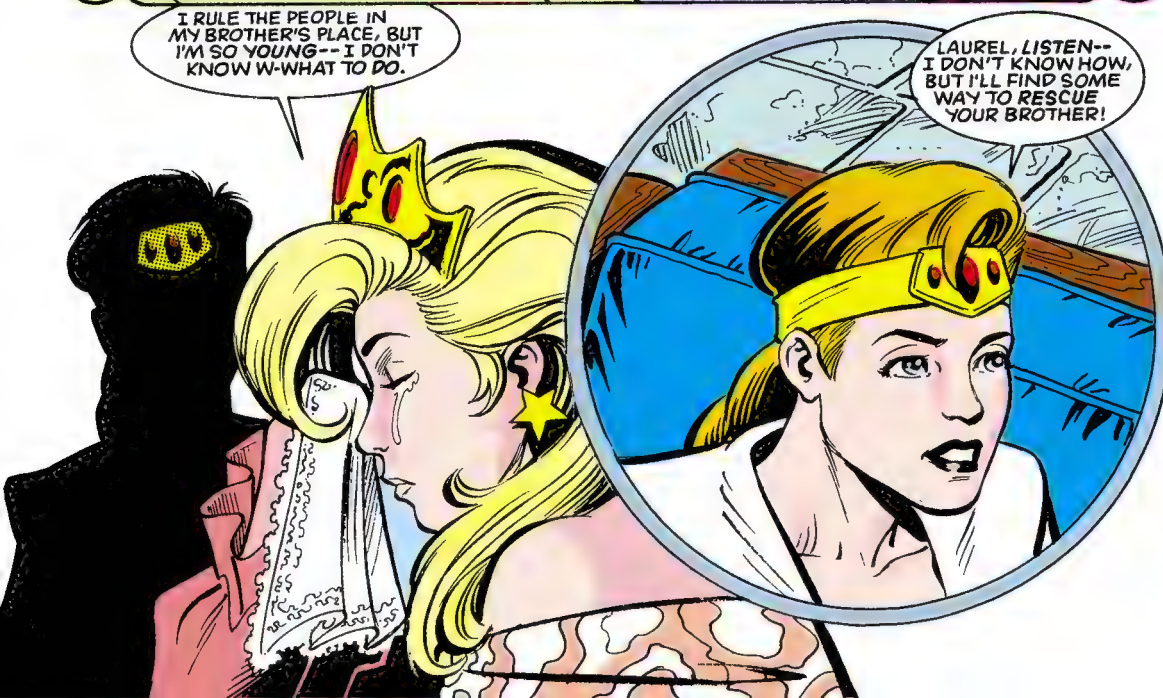
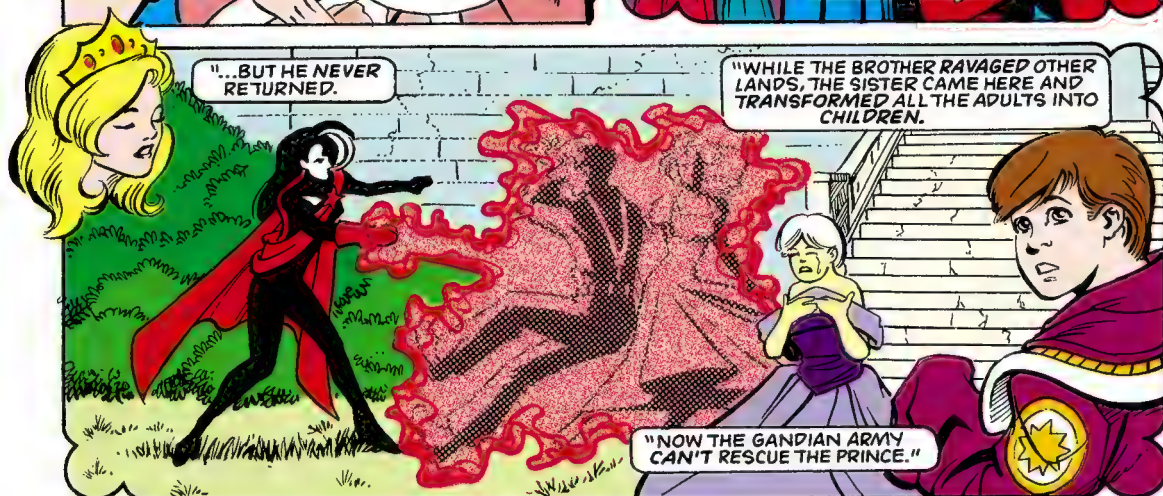
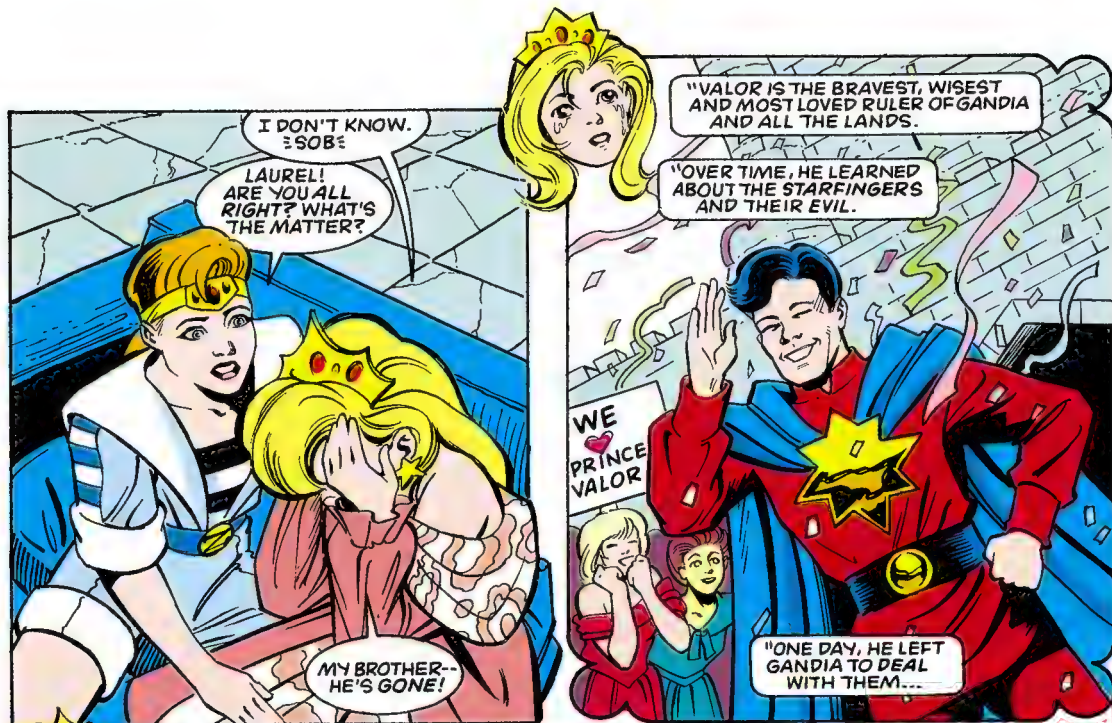


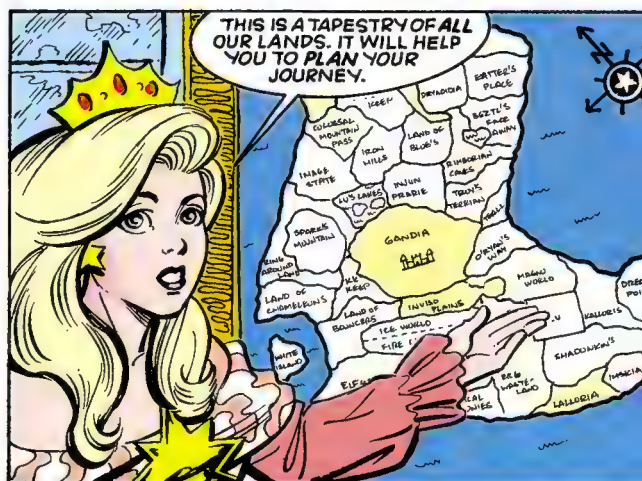
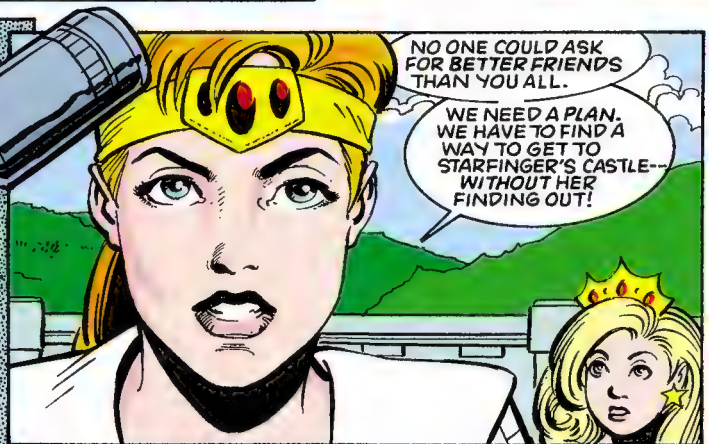
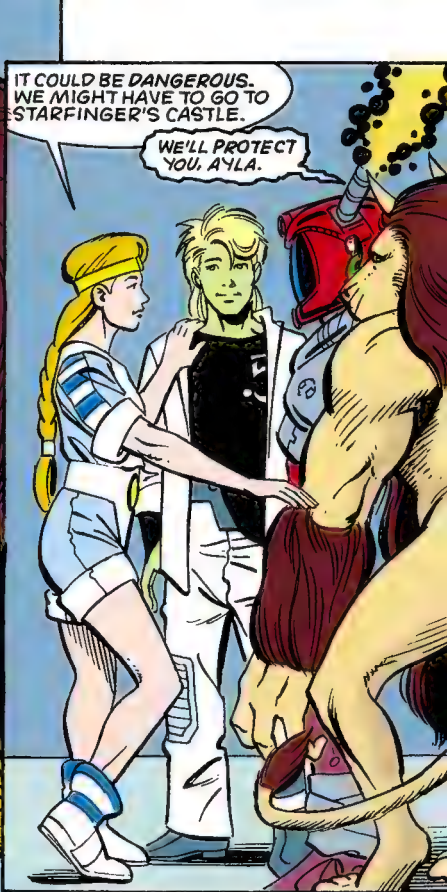
DO YOU
THINK YOUR
BROTHER
CAN HELP
ME?

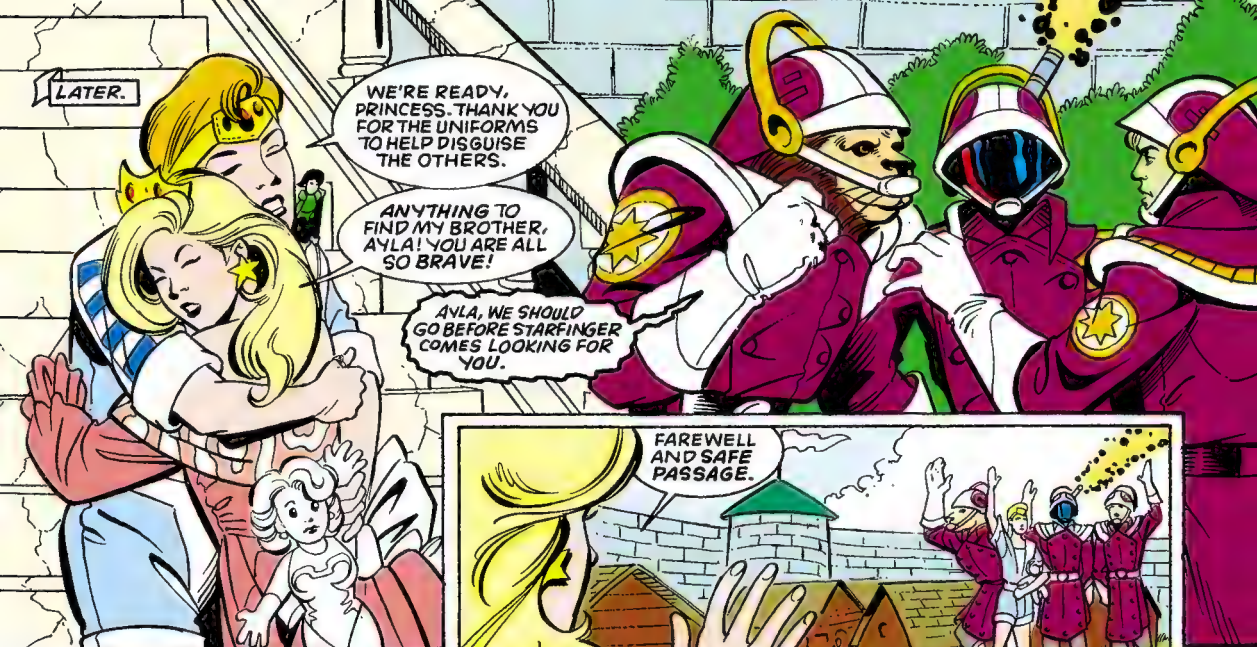
I'M SORRY,
AYLA, BUT MY
BROTHER IS
NOT HERE.

WHEN
WILL HE
BE BACK?









LATER.

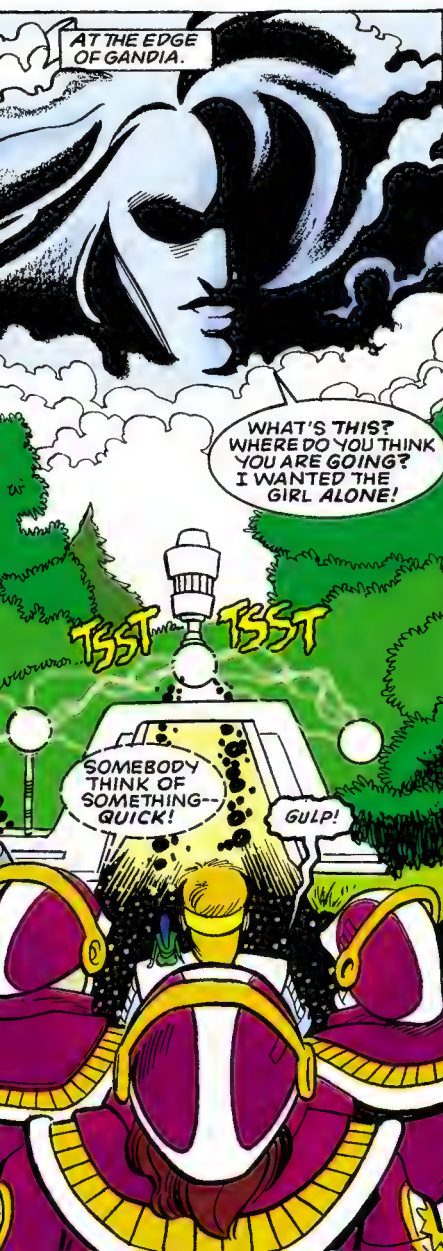
WE'RE READY, PRINCESS. THANK YOU FOR THE UNIFORMS TO HELP DISGUISE THE OTHERS.

ANYTHING TO FIND MY BROTHER, AYLA! YOU ARE ALL SO BRAVE!

AYLA, WE SHOULD GO BEFORE STARFINGER COMES LOOKING FOR YOU.

FAREWELL AND SAFE PASSAGE.

DON'T WORRY, PRINCESS. WE'LL BE BACK SOON-- WITH THE PRINCE!

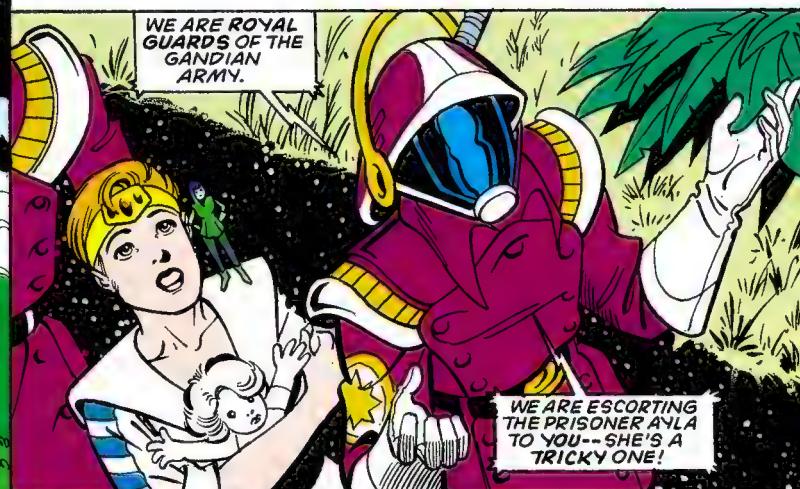


AT THE EDGE OF GANDIA.

WHAT'S THIS? WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING? I WANTED THE GIRL ALONE!

SOMEBODY THINK OF SOMETHING-- QUICK!

GULP!



WE ARE ROYAL GUARDS OF THE GANDIAN ARMY.

WE ARE ESCORTING THE PRISONER AYLA TO YOU-- SHE'S A TRICKY ONE!



HMMM...YES, I SEE.

VERY WELL. BRING HER TO MY CASTLE AND DO NOT DELAY! I AM TIRED OF WAITING.



WE TRICKED HER!

I DON'T KNOW... SOMETHING SEEMED WRONG...



BOY, IT SURE IS HOT HERE! I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA MELT!

I REMEMBER THIS LAND FROM THE MAP IN THE CASTLE. I DIDN'T THINK INJUN PRAIRIE WOULD BE SO HOT.



YOU THINK IT'S HOT? TRY HAVING A FUR COAT UNDER YOUR CLOTHES! RRRRR...

YOU HAVE TO KEEP YOUR DISGUISE ON, FUR-BALL. WE CAN'T LET STARFINGER RECOGNIZE US.



WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

I DON'T KNOW. IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S COMING FROM--

LOOK! UP THERE!

AYYEEAAYYYAAHHEEYAAEEA



GET THEM!

YIEEEAH!

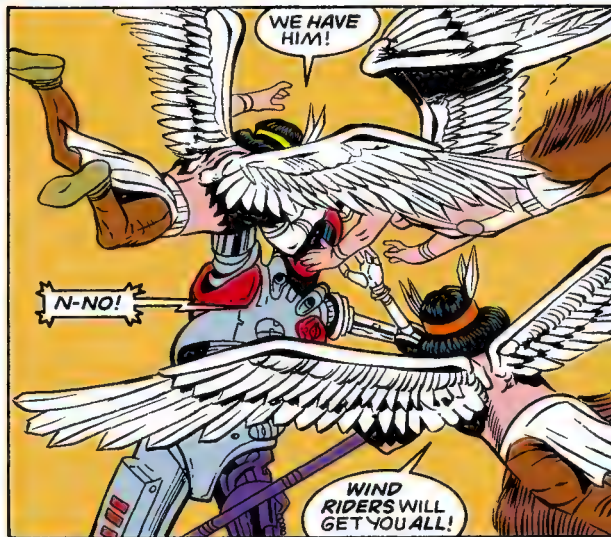
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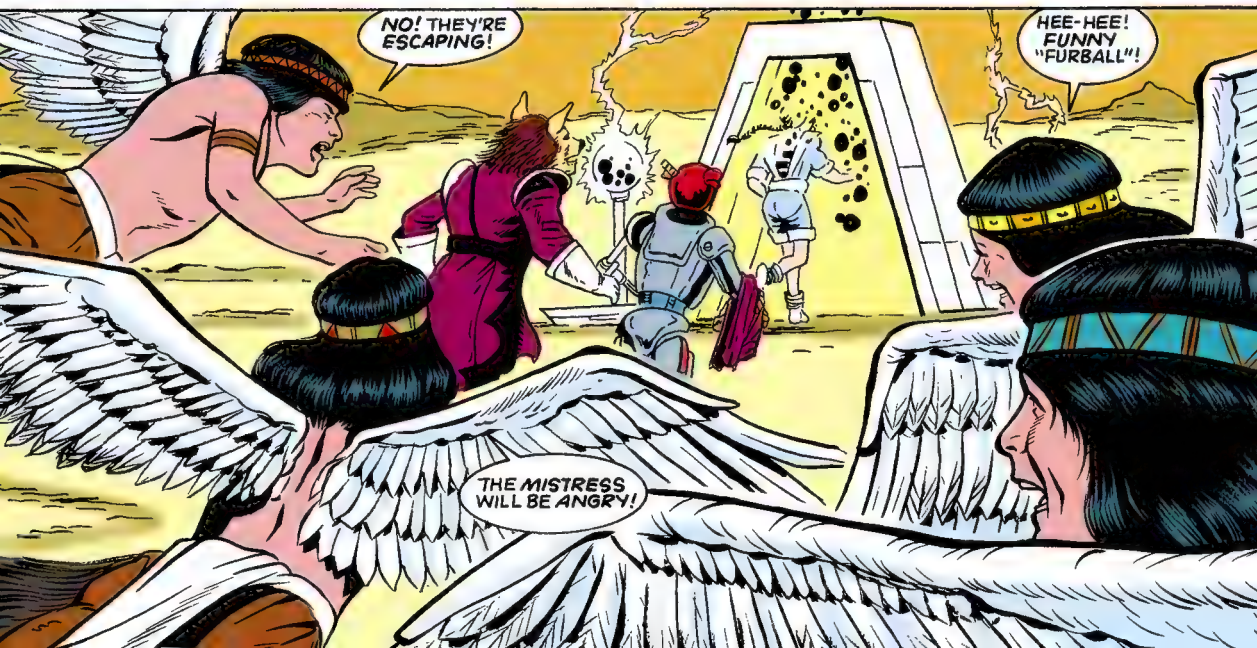
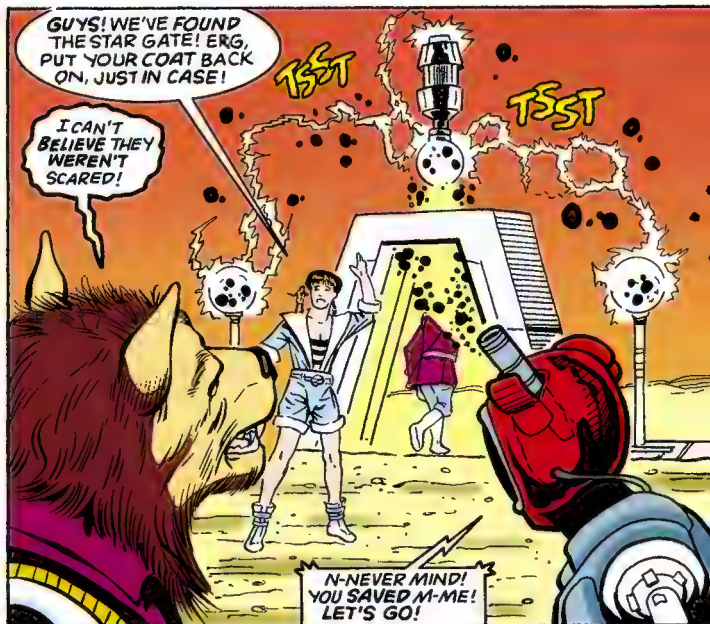
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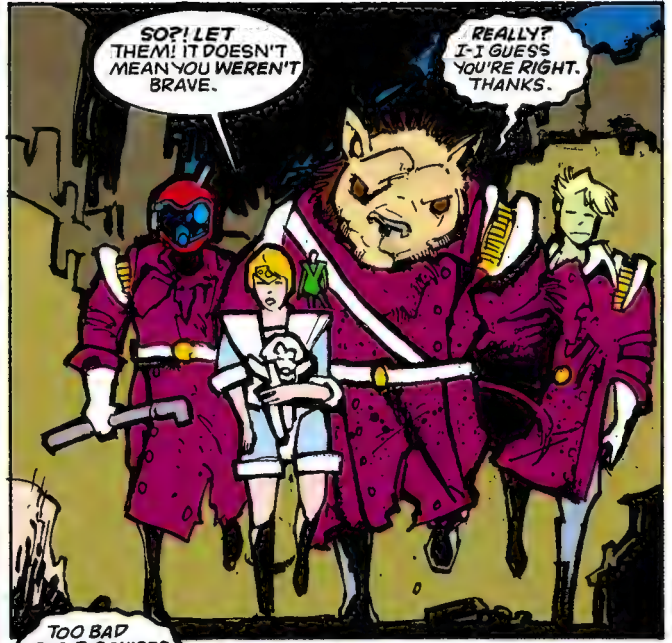
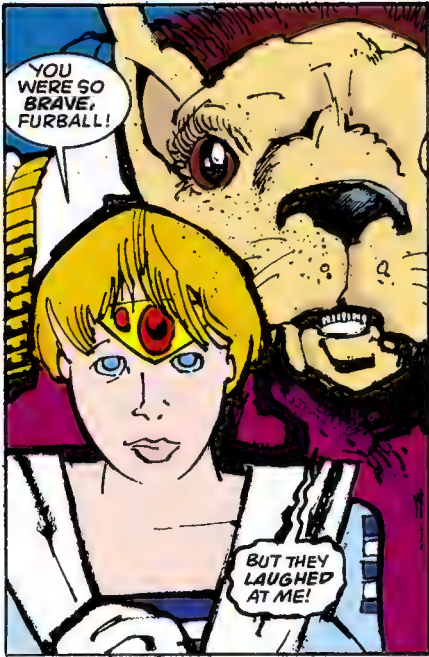


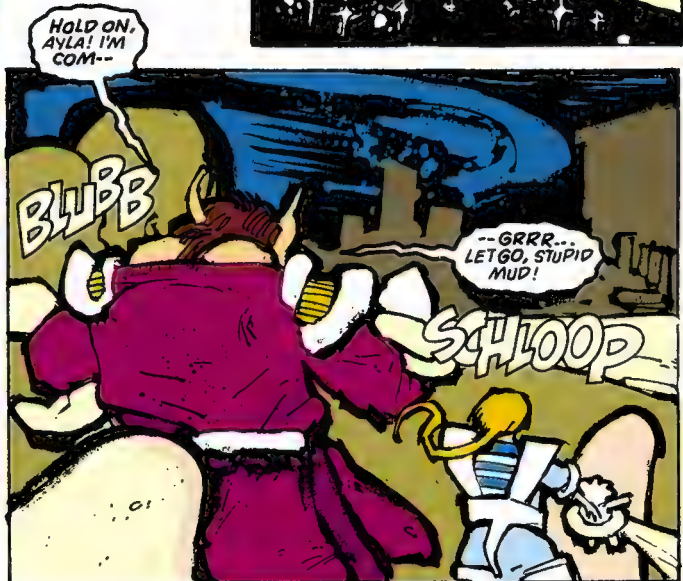
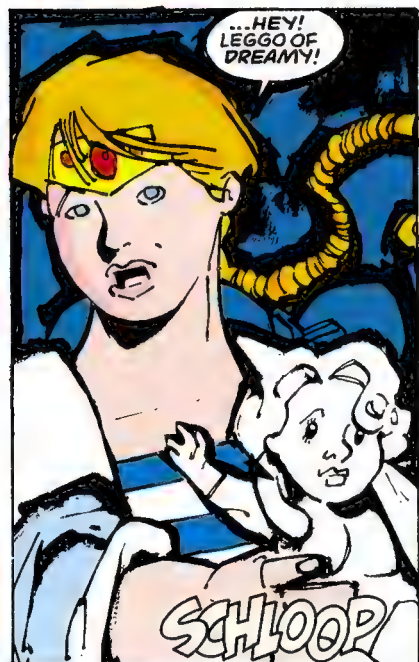
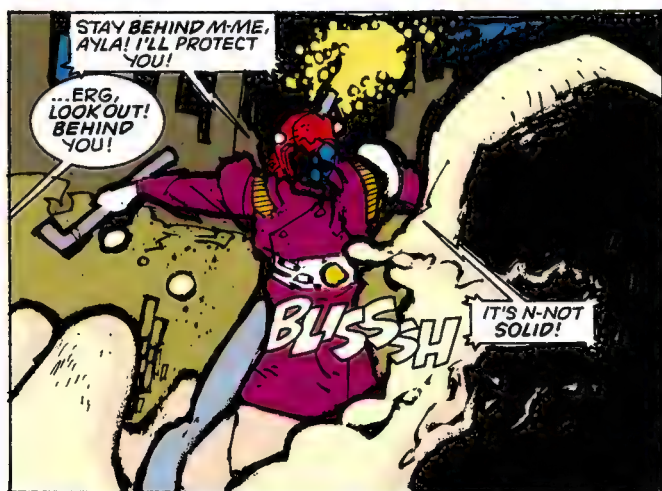
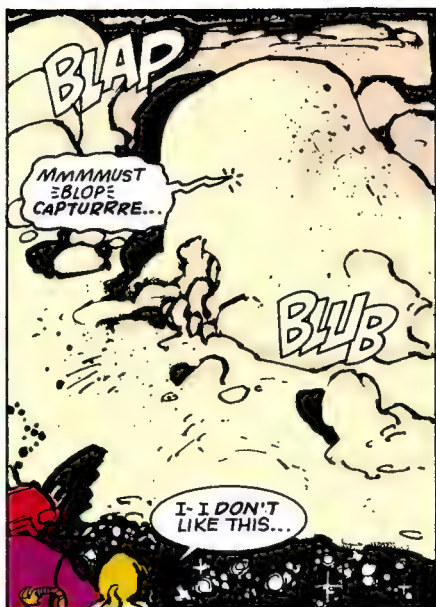
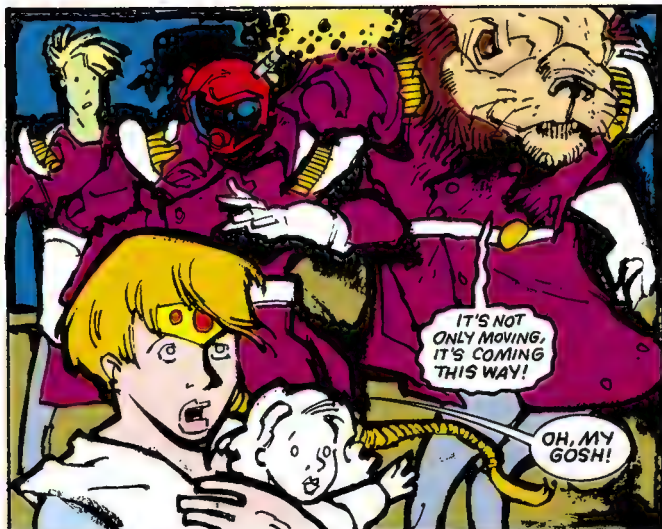
YOU CANNOT ESCAPE, GROUND-WALKERS!

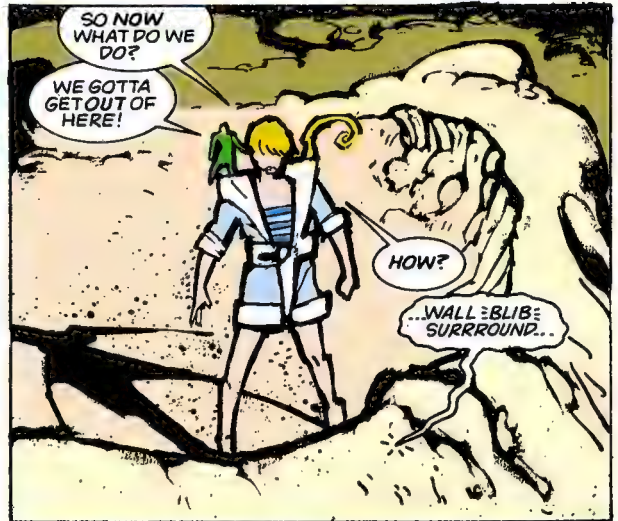
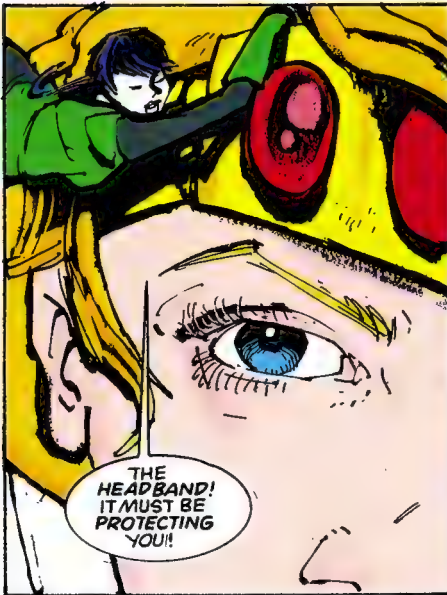
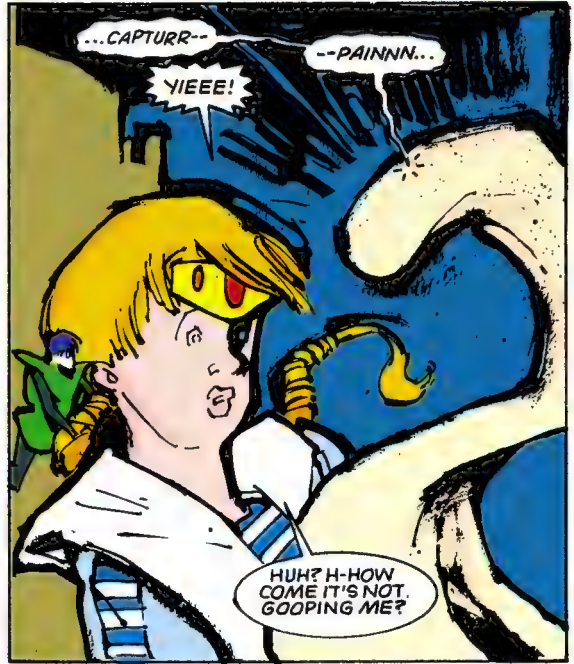
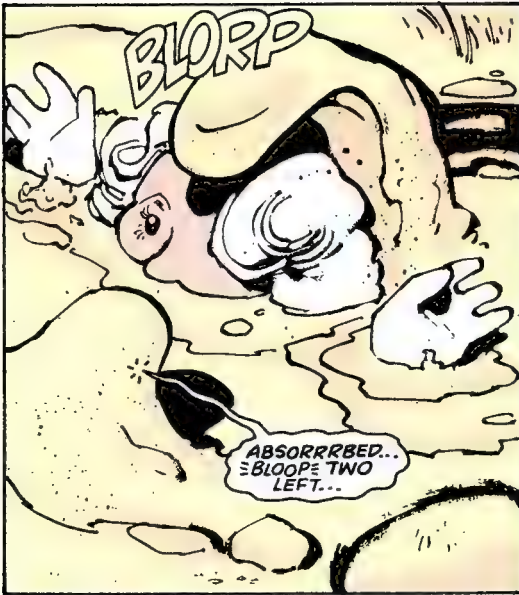
RUN! THEY'RE ATTACKING!

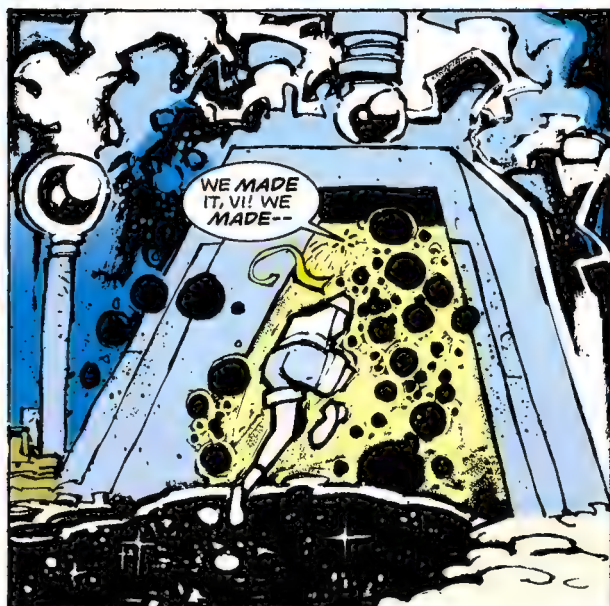
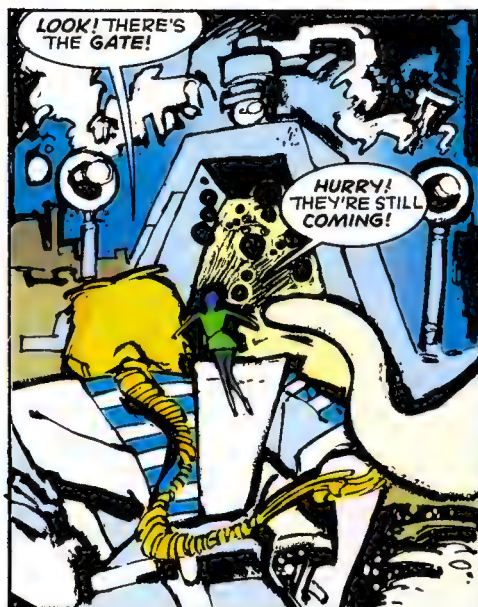
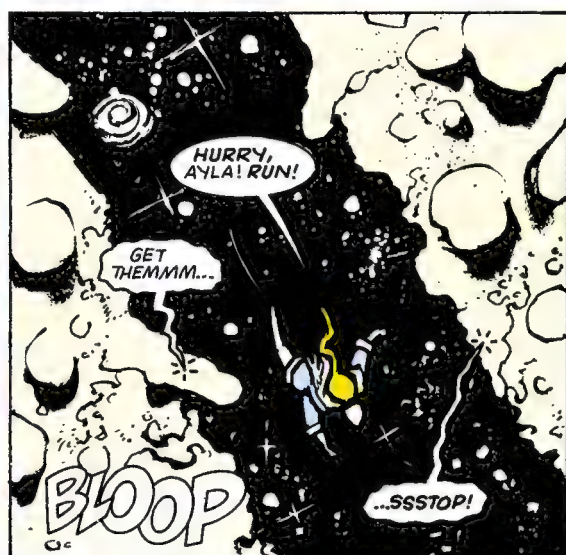
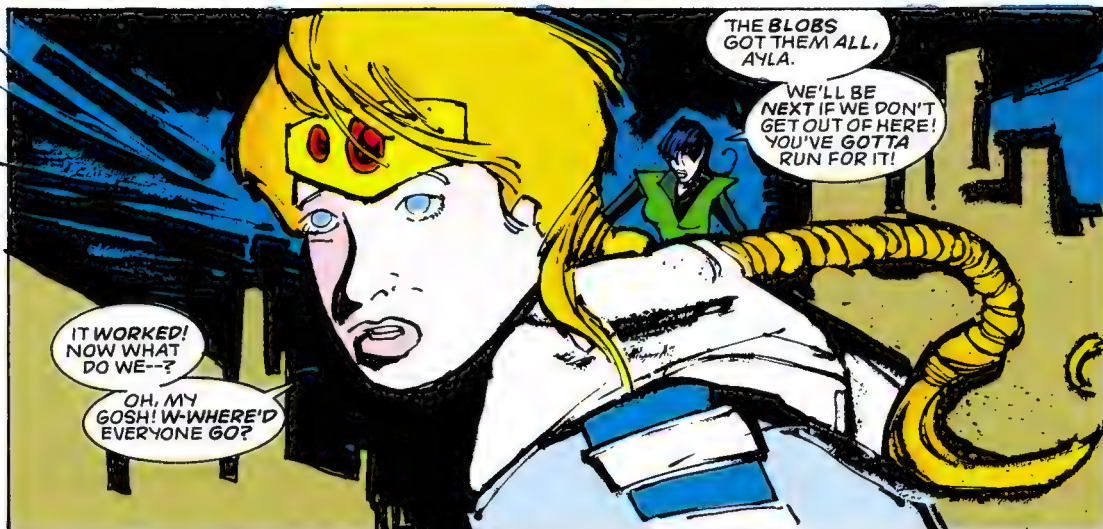














--IT!
OOOFIE

WE'RE SAFE!
THE BLOBS CAN'T
GET US NOW,
VIOLET!



VIOLET?

VIOLET?



I-I'M ALL ALONE
NOW! SNIFFIE WHAT
AM I G-G-GONNA...

...DOOOO...



SLEEP WELL,
YOUNG ONE.

I WILL WATCH
OVER YOU WHILE
YOU REST.



AND, AFTER A
LONG NAP...

MY NAME IS...
BLOK.

THIS LAND WAS THE
HOME OF MY PEOPLE...
UNTIL THE STARFINGERS
CAME. WE WOULD NOT
BOW TO THEM... THEY
SOUGHT TO DESTROY
US ALL...

...THEY DID...
ALL EXCEPT
ME.

WHO-WHO
ARE YOU? WHERE
AM I?

OH, MY GOSH!
I'M SO SORRY.
WHY DO YOU
STAY HERE?

AS LONG AS I REMAIN
HERE... KEEPING THE
MEMORIES OF MY FRIENDS
AND FAMILY ALIVE... THE
STARFINGERS WILL NEVER
HAVE TRULY WON.

I STILL LIVE...
I AM FREE.



AT TIMES IT
IS DIFFICULT...
BUT IT IS WHAT
I MUST DO.

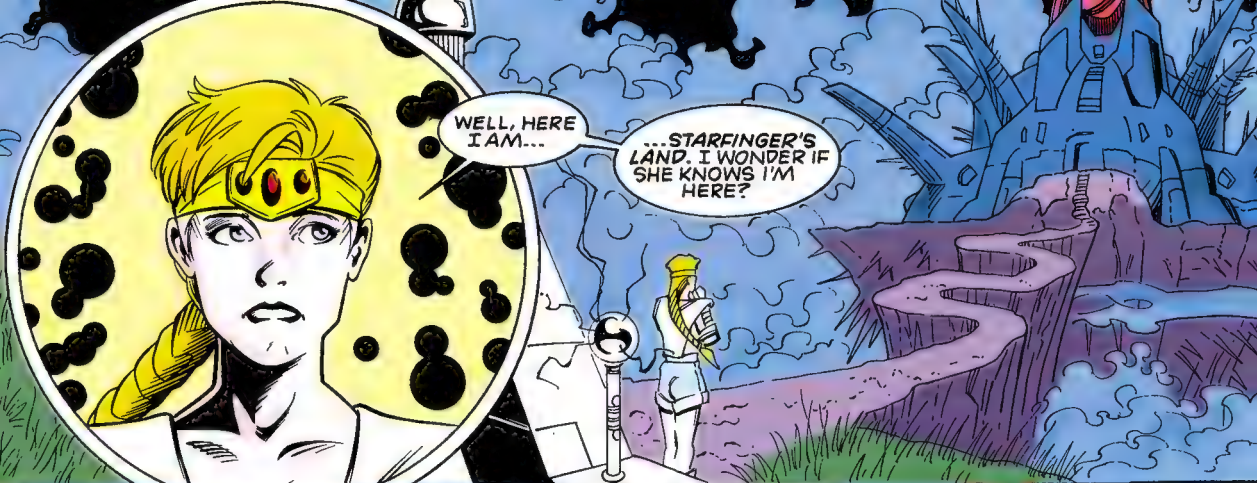
I-I'M
RESPONSIBLE
FOR MY FRIENDS,
TOO.

I-I HAVE TO
GO, BLOK.



GOOD LUCK,
YOUNG ONE...
SAFE JOURNEY!

GOODBYE--
AND THANK YOU!



WELL, HERE I AM...

...STARFINGER'S LAND. I WONDER IF SHE KNOWS I'M HERE?

OF COURSE I KNOW, YOU BRAT! ONCE YOUR FRIENDS WERE GONE, YOU'D HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO COME HERE!



MY FRIENDS?! WHAT DID--

--HUH?

WELCOME TO MY HUMBLE CASTLE.

DID YOUR FRIENDS REALLY THINK THAT DISGUIISING THEMSELVES AS GANDIAN GUARDS WOULD FOOL ME?

I TURNED ALL THE GANDIANS INTO CHILDREN--THERE COULDN'T BE ANY ADULTS TO ESCORT YOU.

YOU KNEW IT WAS THEM ALL ALONG?



OF COURSE, SILLY GIRL. THEN, I HAD MY WIND RIDERS AND BLOBS CAPTURE YOUR FRIENDS AND BRING THEM HERE.

MY FRIENDS ARE HERE? WHY? WHAT DID THEY EVER DO TO YOU?



THEY HELPED YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY TO GANDIA. AND THEY PROTECTED YOU-- FROM ME!

SO, I HAD TO PUNISH THEM FOR THEIR ACTS.

WHAT DID YOU DO TO THEM?

I'VE TURNED THEM INTO OBJECTS AND SCATTERED THEM ABOUT MY CASTLE. YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND THEM.

THEY WILL REMAIN THAT WAY, UNLESS YOU GIVE ME MY BROTHER'S RING.

WITH THE POWER OF BOTH RINGS, I'LL BE ABLE TO RULE ALL THE LANDS UNCHALLENGED!

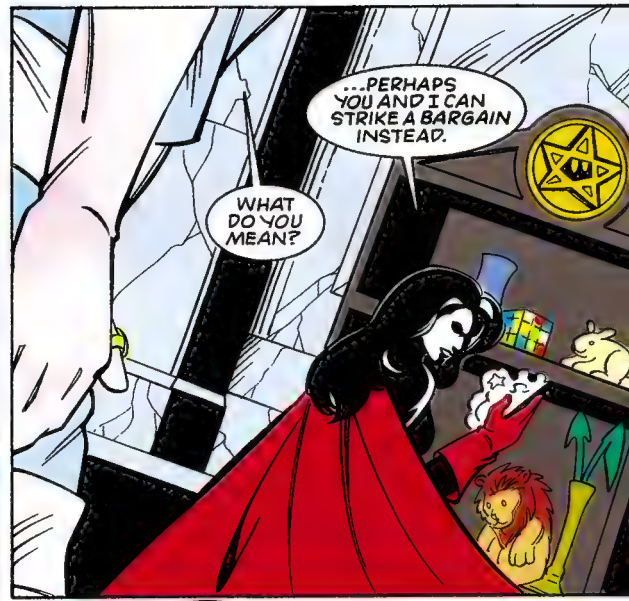
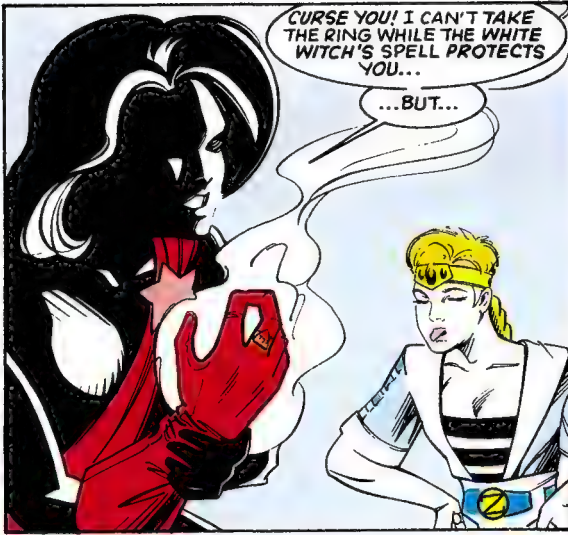


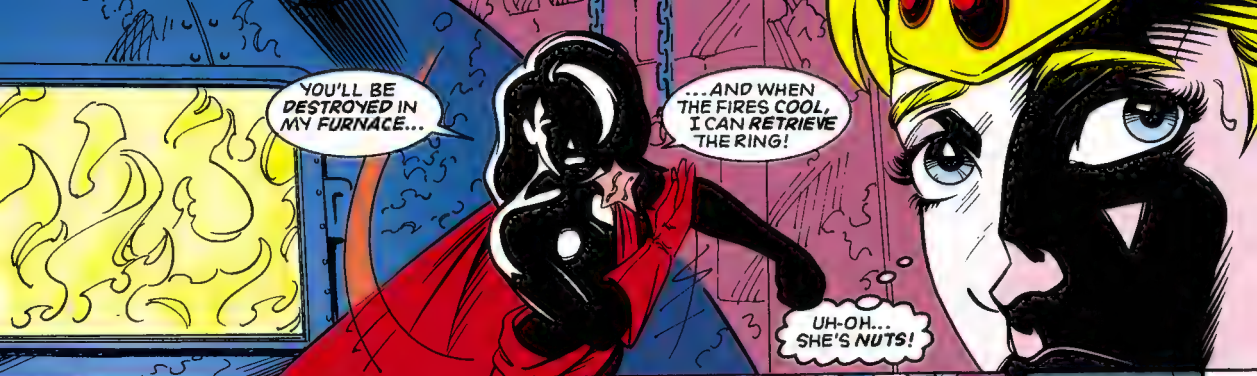
NOW, GIVE IT TO ME!

NO! I CAN'T--!



THEN I WILL TAKE IT FROM-- OWWW!





YOU'LL BE DESTROYED IN MY FURNACE...

...AND WHEN THE FIRES COOL, I CAN RETRIEVE THE RING!

UH-OH... SHE'S NUTS!



WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

I THINK NOT!

AS FAR AWAY FROM YOU AS I CAN GET!

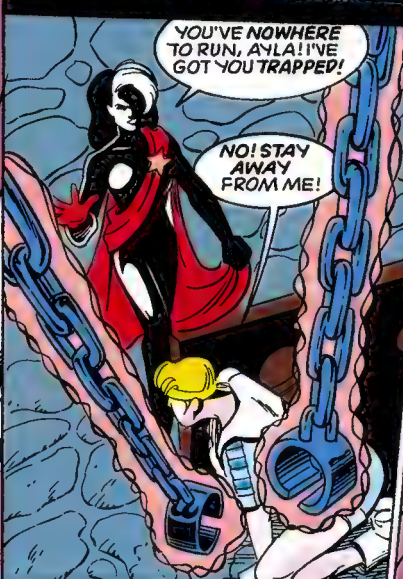
SLAM

YEOW!



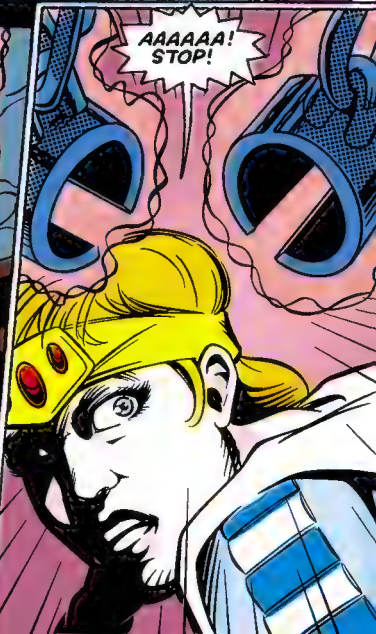
LEAVE ME ALONE!

THUNK

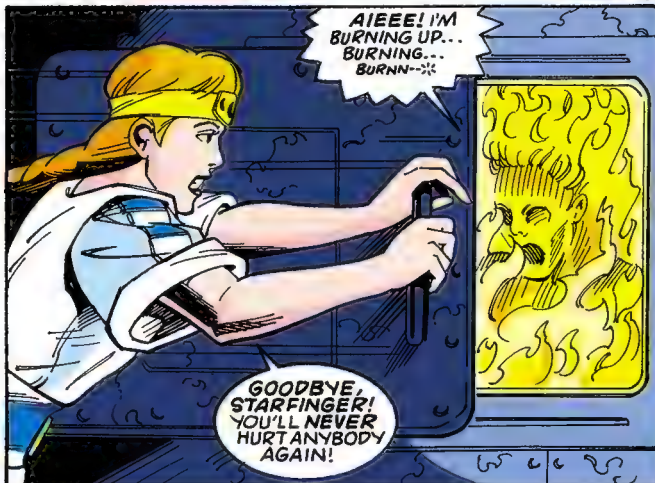
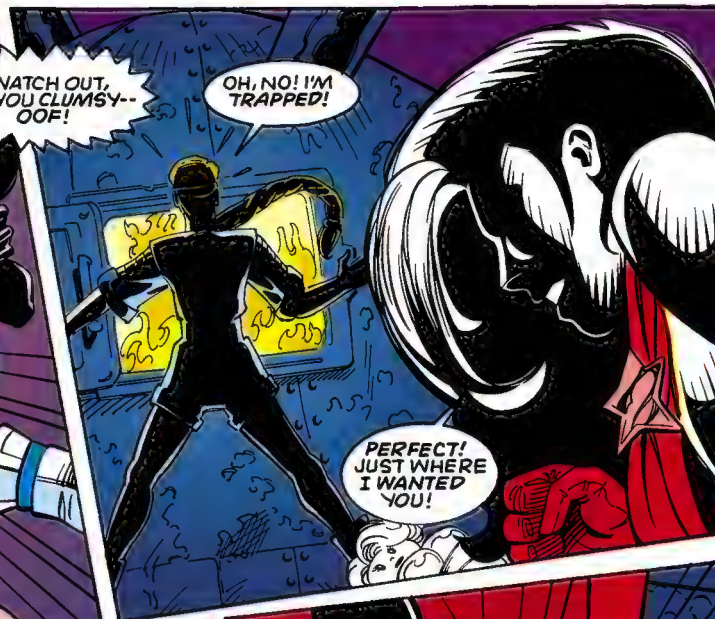


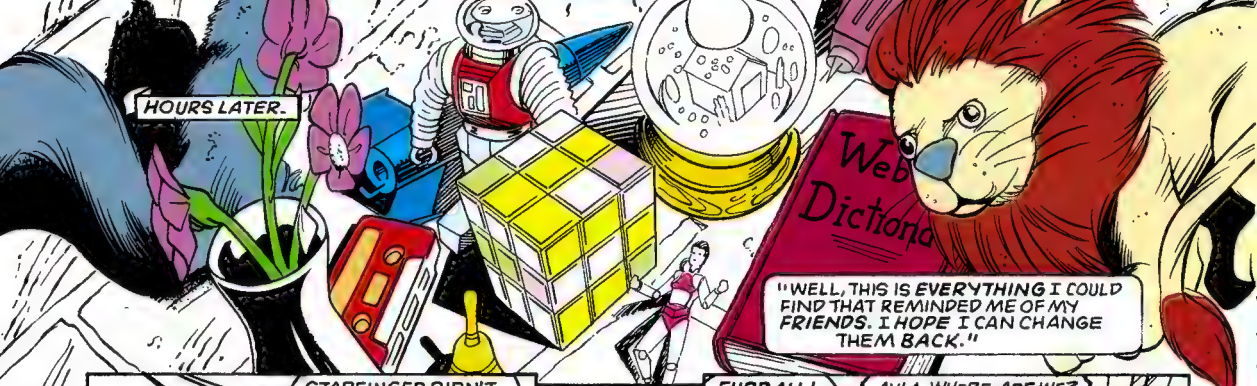
YOU'VE NOWHERE TO RUN, Ayla! I'VE GOT YOU TRAPPED!

NO! STAY AWAY FROM ME!



AAAAAA! STOP!





HOURS LATER.

"WELL, THIS IS EVERYTHING I COULD FIND THAT REMINDED ME OF MY FRIENDS. I HOPE I CAN CHANGE THEM BACK."



STARFINGER DIDN'T DO ANYTHING SPECIAL TO CHANGE DREAMY BACK-- SHE JUST TOUCHED HER.

MAYBE THE RING HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT?



PING

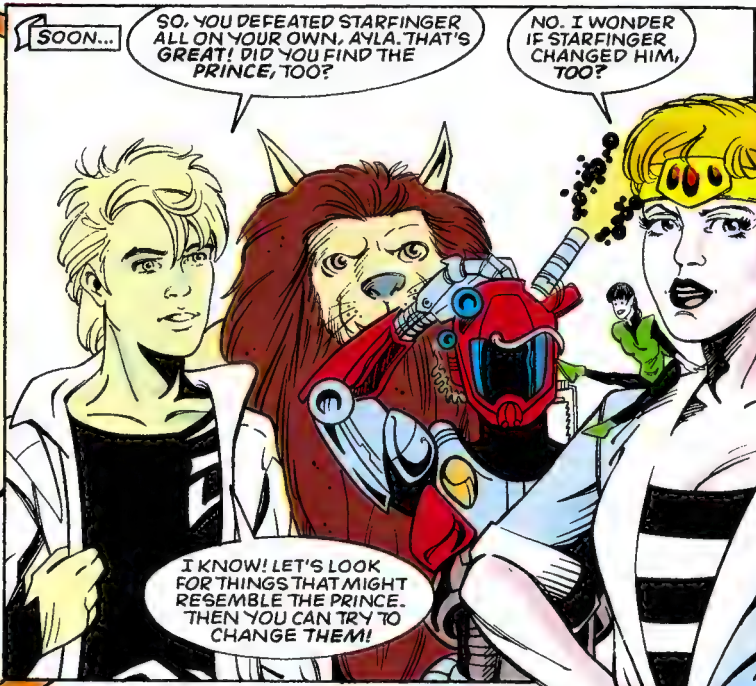


FURBALL! IT'S YOU! IT WORKED!

AYLA, WHERE ARE WE? I REMEMBER SEEING STARFINGER-- WHAT HAPPENED? WAS I DREAMING?



I'LL EXPLAIN LATER. FIRST, I'VE GOT TO CHANGE THE OTHERS BACK. HELP ME PICK ANOTHER ITEM.

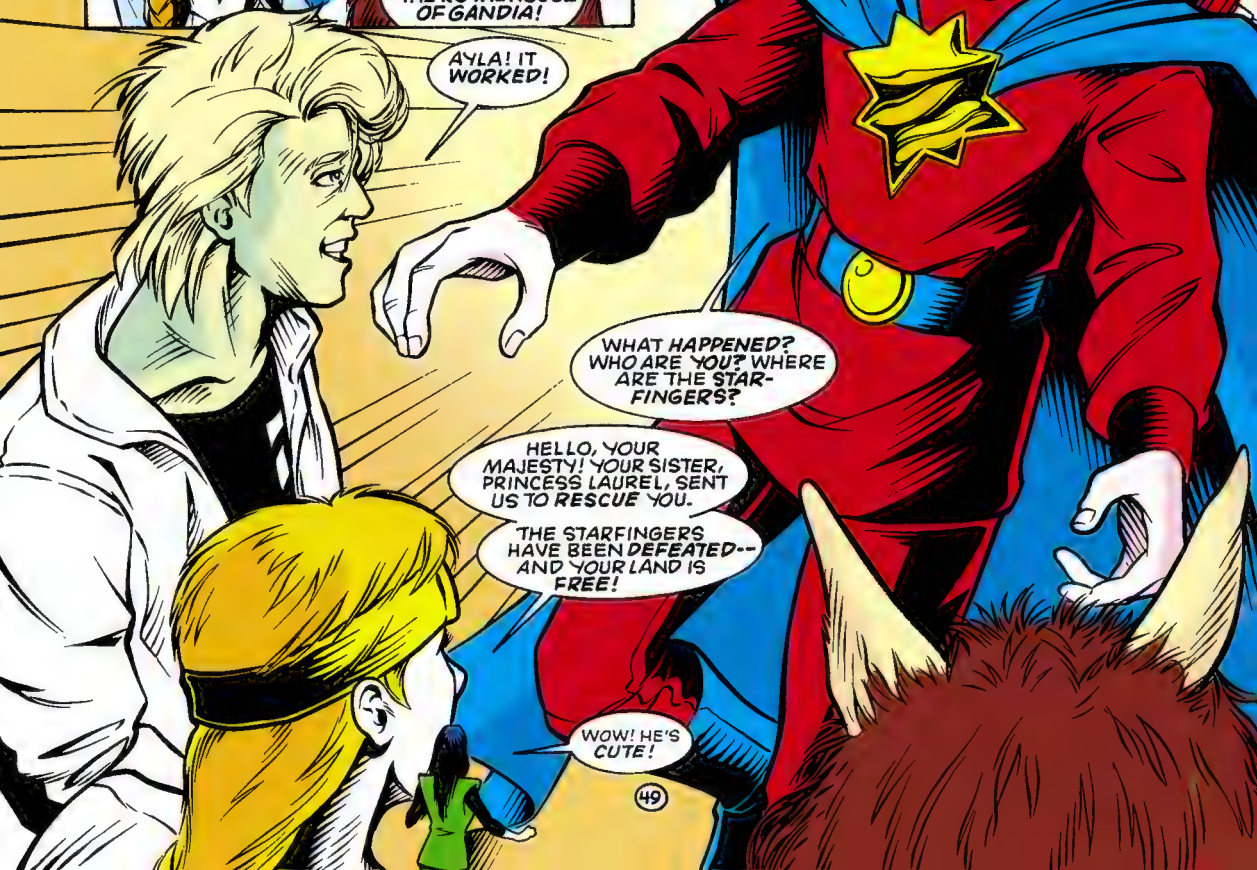
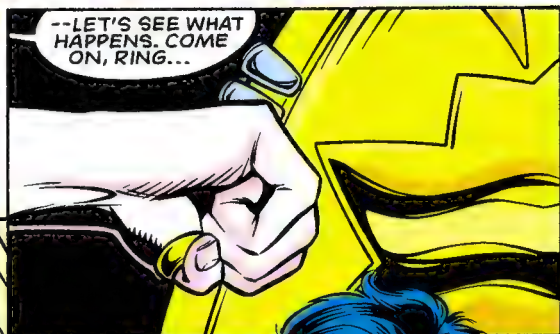
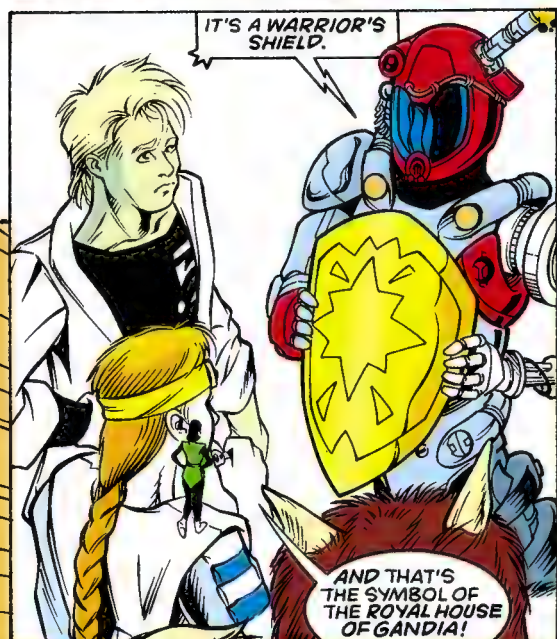


SOON...

SO, YOU DEFEATED STARFINGER ALL ON YOUR OWN, AYLA. THAT'S GREAT! DID YOU FIND THE PRINCE, TOO?

NO. I WONDER IF STARFINGER CHANGED HIM, TOO?

I KNOW! LET'S LOOK FOR THINGS THAT MIGHT RESEMBLE THE PRINCE. THEN YOU CAN TRY TO CHANGE THEM!





YOU HAVE MY ETERNAL THANKS, MISS--UM...

AYLA... AYLA RANZZ.

WELL, AYLA-AYLA RANZZ. THIS IS A PLEASURE.

Um...actually, it's...oh, never mind.

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS HAVE PERFORMED A GREAT SERVICE.

I ONLY HAVE ONE-- THE OTHER...IS, UM... IS...

YES?

...It's still on Starfinger's finger! I... UM... OH, NEVER MIND! UP IN THE FURNACE!

DON'T WORRY, AYLA! I WILL GET IT. THE FIRE SHOULD HAVE COOLED ENOUGH BY NOW FOR ME TO RETRIEVE IT.



NOW, IF YOU WILL GIVE ME THE STARRINGS, I CAN RETURN US TO GANDIA.

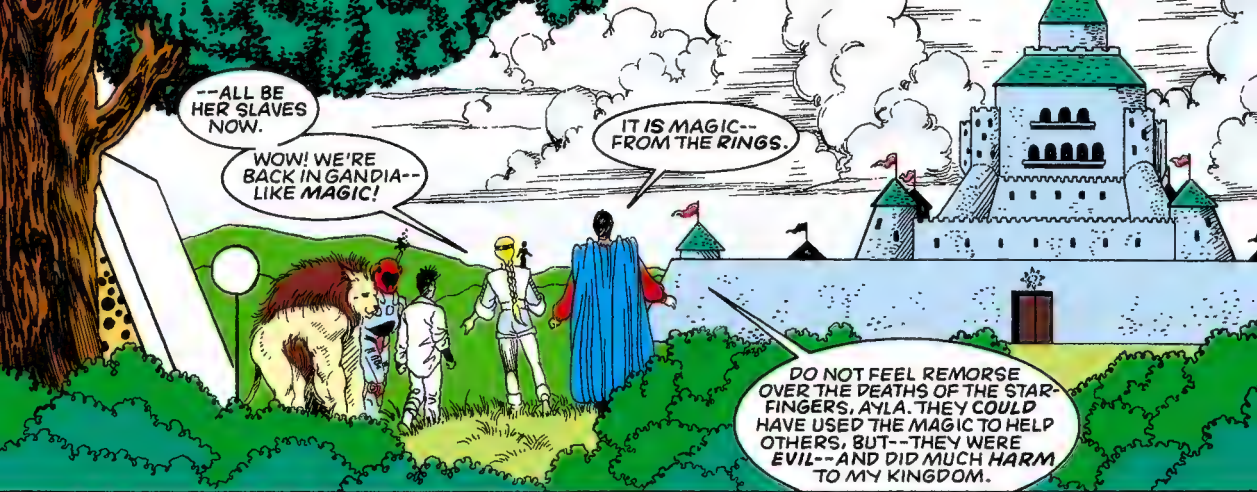
AND WHEN THE PRINCE HAS BOTH STAR RINGS...



THIS WILL BE A SMALL SAMPLE OF WHAT THE RINGS CAN DO TOGETHER.

I'M SO GLAD STARFINGER NEVER GOT THEM BOTH, OR WE WOULD--



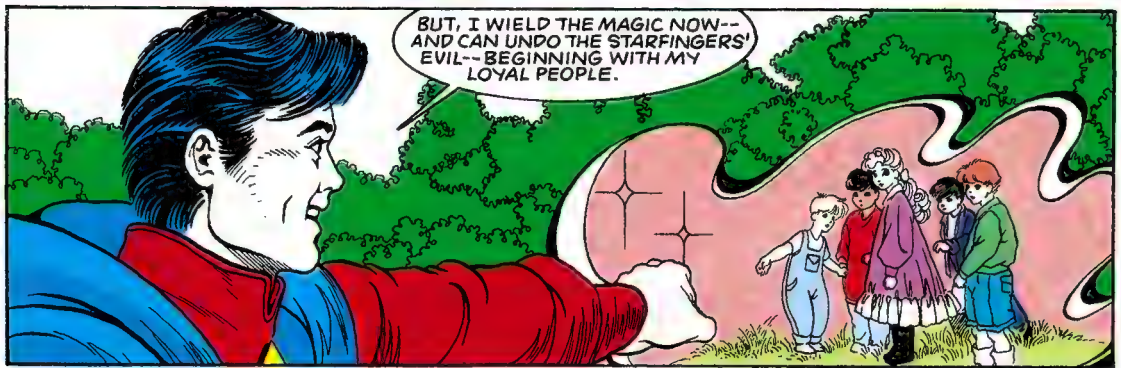


--ALL BE
HER SLAVES
NOW.

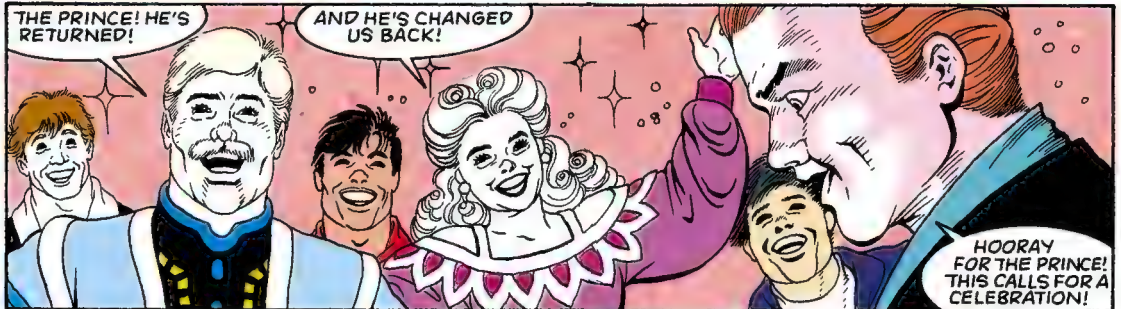
WOW! WE'RE
BACK IN GANDIA--
LIKE MAGIC!

IT IS MAGIC--
FROM THE RINGS.

DO NOT FEEL REMORSE
OVER THE DEATHS OF THE STAR-
FINGERS, AYLA. THEY COULD
HAVE USED THE MAGIC TO HELP
OTHERS, BUT--THEY WERE
EVIL--AND DID MUCH HARM
TO MY KINGDOM.



BUT, I WIELD THE MAGIC NOW--
AND CAN UNDO THE STARFINGERS'
EVIL-- BEGINNING WITH MY
LOYAL PEOPLE.



THE PRINCE! HE'S
RETURNED!

AND HE'S CHANGED
US BACK!

HOORAY
FOR THE PRINCE!
THIS CALLS FOR A
CELEBRATION!



AFTER MUCH
REJOICING...

HOORAY!
HOORAY!

THREE
CHEERS FOR THE HEROES!

HOORAY!
YAY!

HI!
THANK YOU!
HELLO!

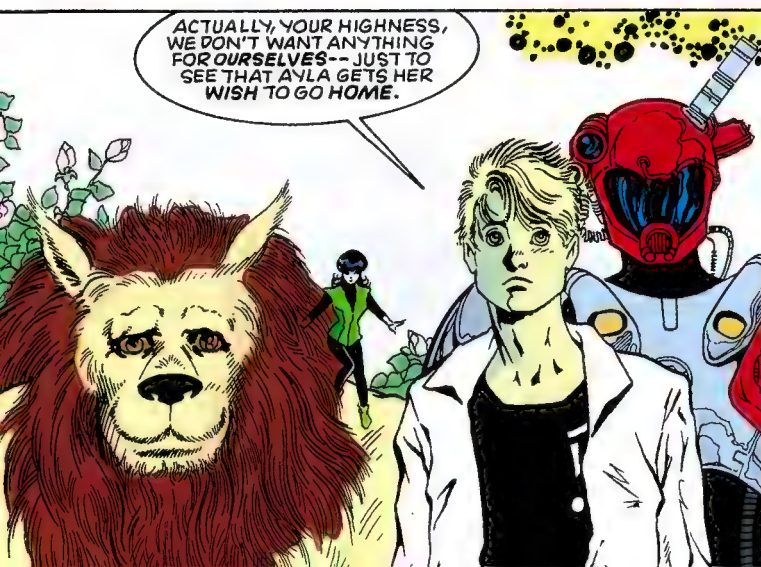
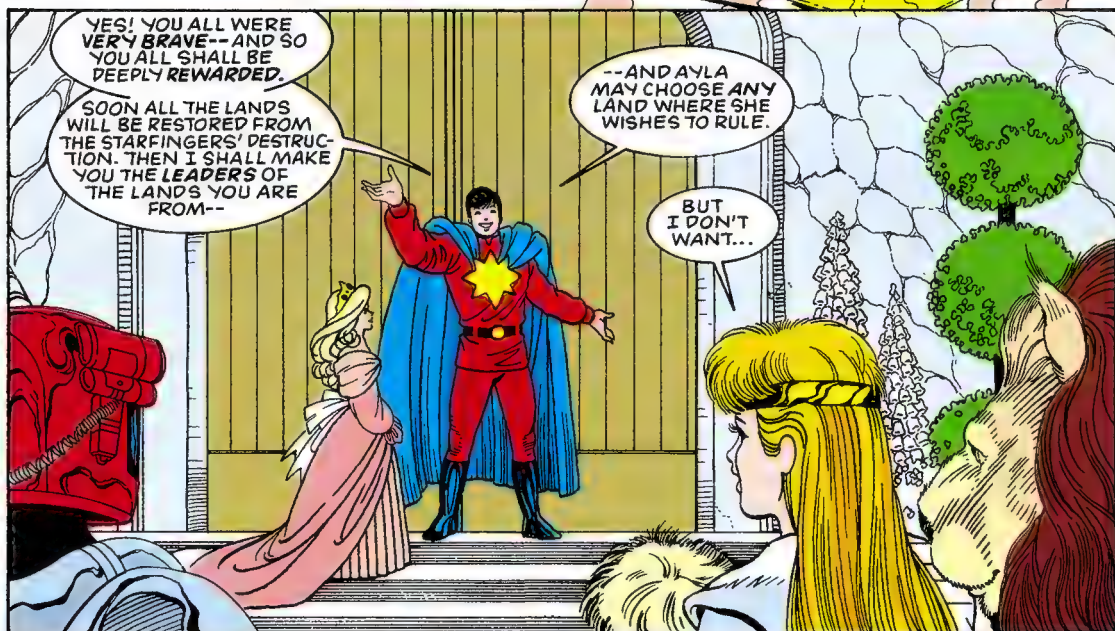
LONG
LIVE THE
HEROES!

YAY! FOR
AYLA AND HER
FRIENDS!



DID YOU ENJOY THE
CELEBRATION, AYLA?

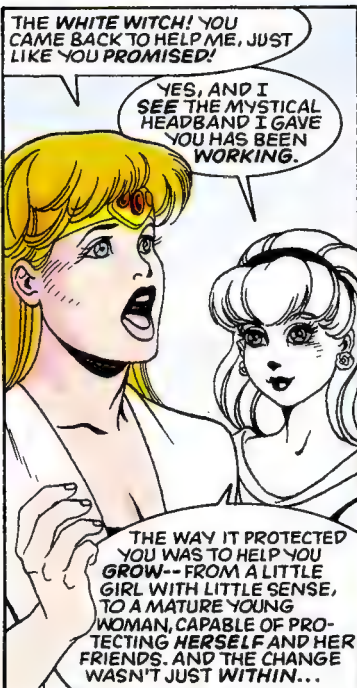
YES! I'VE NEVER BEEN
IN A PARADE BEFORE!
IT'S WONDERFUL!
EVERYONE HERE IS
SO HAPPY!





TH-THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
I-I UNDERSTAND.
I'M SO SORRY,
AYLA.

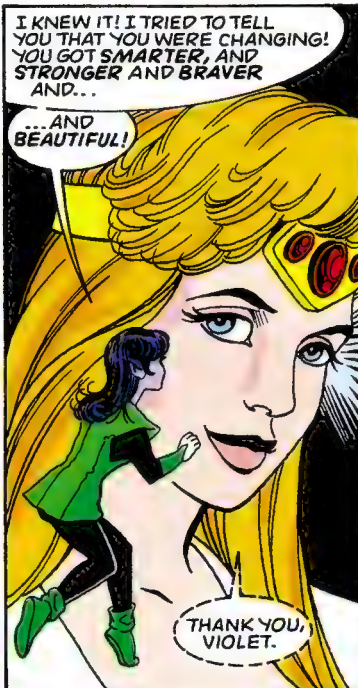
DO NOT CRY YET,
AYLA-AYLA RANZZ.
THERE MAY STILL BE
A CHANCE THAT YOU
CAN RETURN HOME.



THE WHITE WITCH! YOU
CAME BACK TO HELP ME, JUST
LIKE YOU PROMISED!

YES, AND I
SEE THE MYSTICAL
HEADBAND I GAVE
YOU HAS BEEN
WORKING.

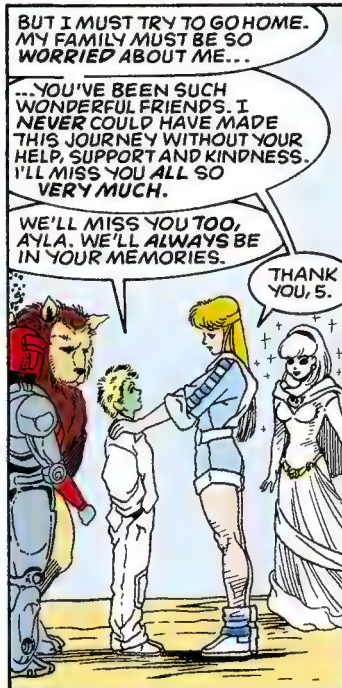
THE WAY IT PROTECTED
YOU WAS TO HELP YOU
GROW-- FROM A LITTLE
GIRL WITH LITTLE SENSE,
TO A MATURE YOUNG
WOMAN, CAPABLE OF PRO-
TECTING HERSELF AND HER
FRIENDS. AND THE CHANGE
WASN'T JUST WITHIN...



I KNEW IT! I TRIED TO TELL
YOU THAT YOU WERE CHANGING!
YOU GOT SMARTER, AND
STRONGER AND BRAVER
AND...

...AND
BEAUTIFUL!

THANK YOU,
VIOLET.

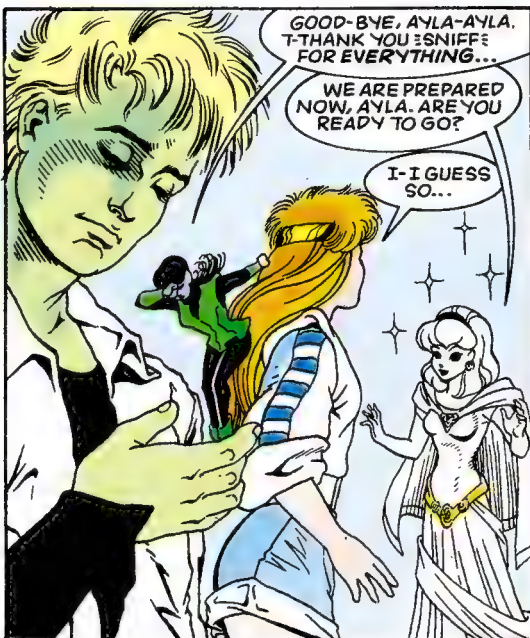


BUT I MUST TRY TO GO HOME.
MY FAMILY MUST BE SO
WORRIED ABOUT ME...

...YOU'VE BEEN SUCH
WONDERFUL FRIENDS. I
NEVER COULD HAVE MADE
THIS JOURNEY WITHOUT YOUR
HELP, SUPPORT AND KINDNESS.
I'LL MISS YOU ALL SO
VERY MUCH.

WE'LL MISS YOU TOO,
AYLA. WE'LL ALWAYS BE
IN YOUR MEMORIES.

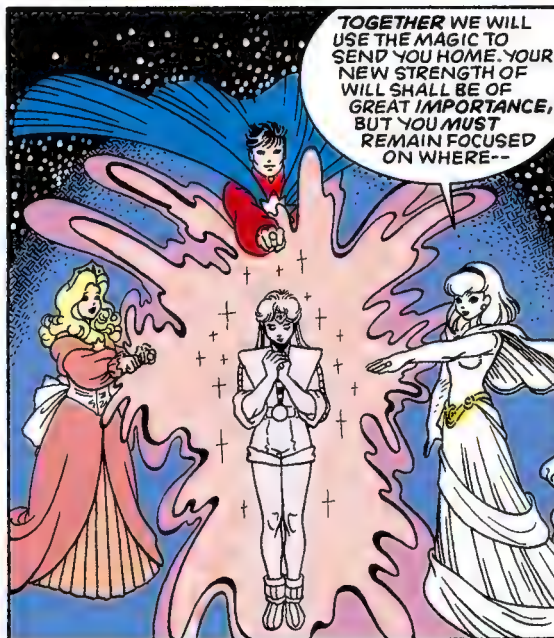
THANK
YOU, S.



GOOD-BYE, AYLA-AYLA.
T-THANK YOU ~~ISNIFF~~
FOR EVERYTHING...

WE ARE PREPARED
NOW, AYLA. ARE YOU
READY TO GO?

I-I GUESS
SO...

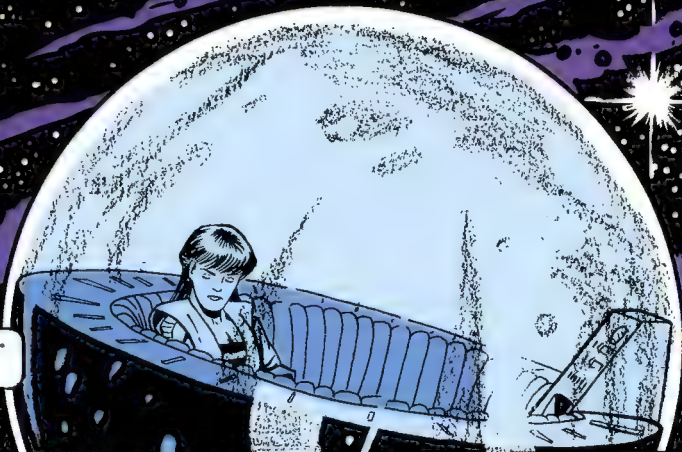


TOGETHER WE WILL
USE THE MAGIC TO
SEND YOU HOME. YOUR
NEW STRENGTH OF
WILL SHALL BE OF
GREAT IMPORTANCE,
BUT YOU MUST
REMAIN FOCUSED
ON WHERE--

"--YOU WANT
TO GO.

"THINK OF HOME,
AYLA...HOW YOU
GOT HERE.

"THINK ONLY OF WINATH...
AND YOUR HOME THERE.
REMEMBER YOUR..."



I remember...

AYLA?
AYLA, ARE YOU
AWAKE?

Garth? What
happened?



OH, AYLA--IT'S ALL MY FAULT! YOU FELL
INTO DAD'S EXPERIMENTAL GROWTH
ACCELERATOR AND IT ACTIVATED. I COULDN'T
SHUT IT OFF. I WAS SO SCARED
FOR YOU!

I FEEL...
DIFFERENT.

YOU GOT...
OLDER.

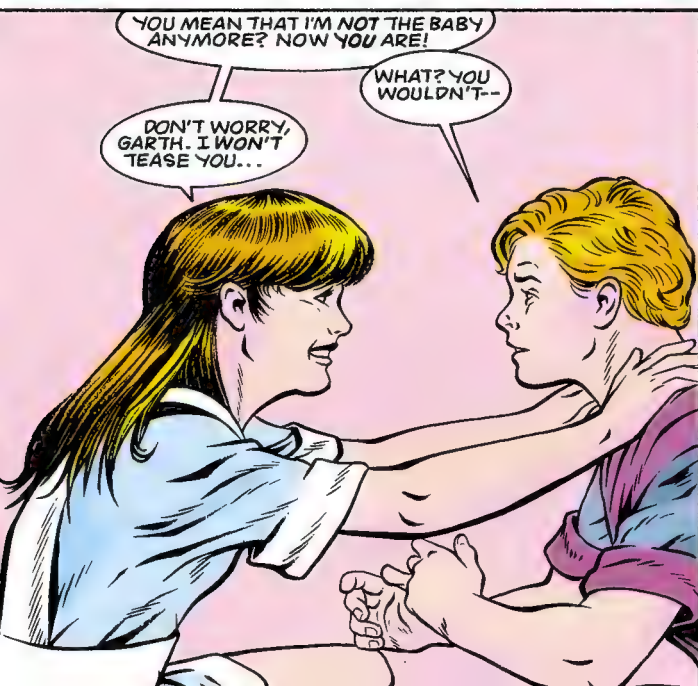


OLDER?

YOU MEAN THAT I'M NOT THE BABY
ANYMORE? NOW YOU ARE!

WHAT? YOU
WOULDN'T--

DON'T WORRY,
GARTH. I WON'T
TEASE YOU...



...I'M MUCH TOO OLD FOR
THAT. BESIDES, I'M JUST GLAD
TO BE BACK HOME!

--WHA--
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

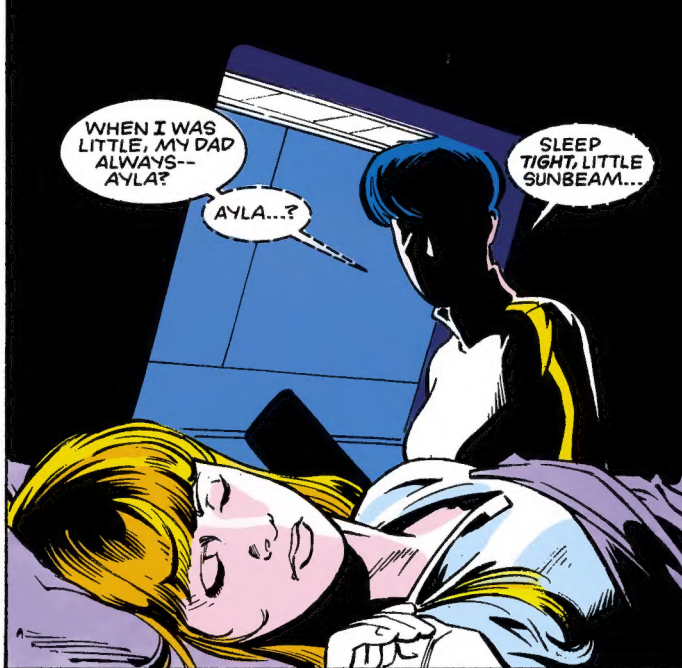
OH,
NOTHING...





"YES, AYLA HAD RETURNED HOME, OLDER NOT ONLY IN AGE, BUT IN WISDOM, THE WISDOM WE MUST ALL ACQUIRE ON THE ROAD TO MATURITY."

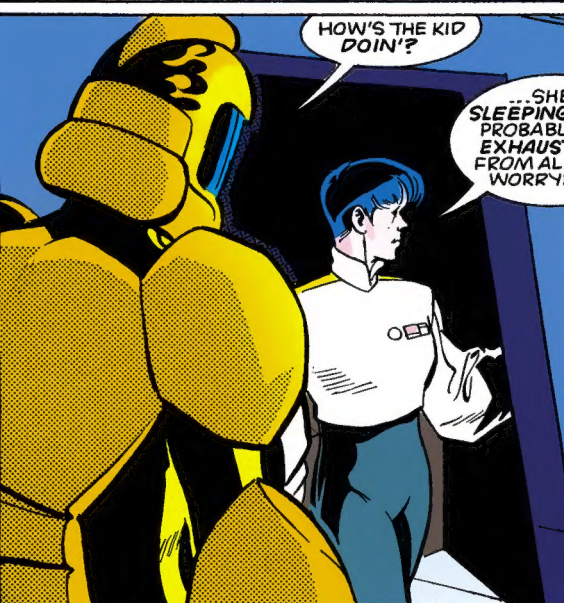
NICE STORY, HUH? ALWAYS MAKES ME FEEL THAT THINGS WILL WORK OUT.



WHEN I WAS LITTLE, MY DAD ALWAYS-- AYLA?

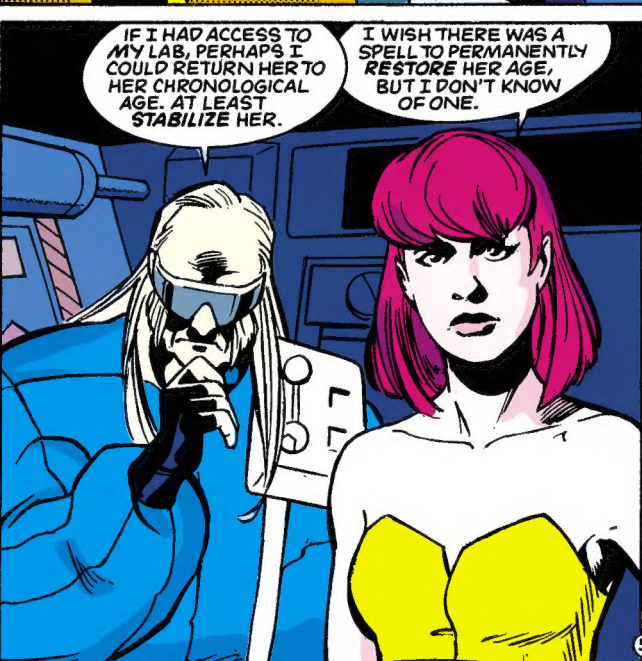
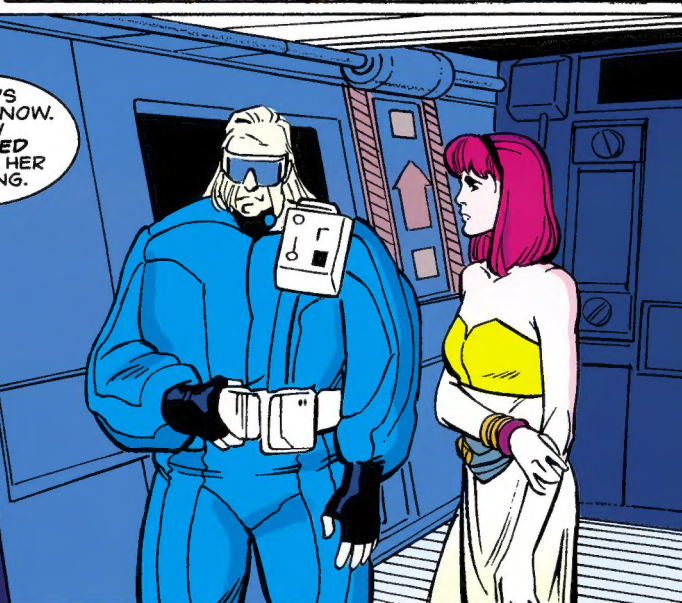
AYLA...?

SLEEP TIGHT, LITTLE SUNBEAM...



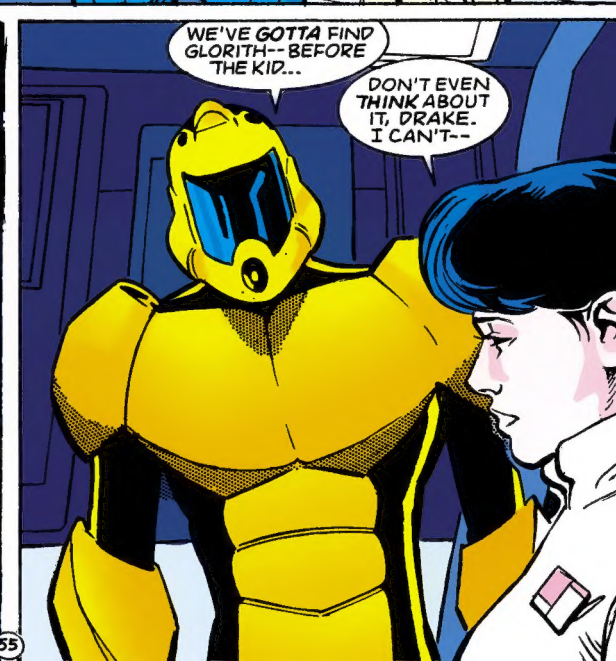
HOW'S THE KID DOIN'?

...SHE'S SLEEPING NOW. PROBABLY EXHAUSTED FROM ALL HER WORRYING.



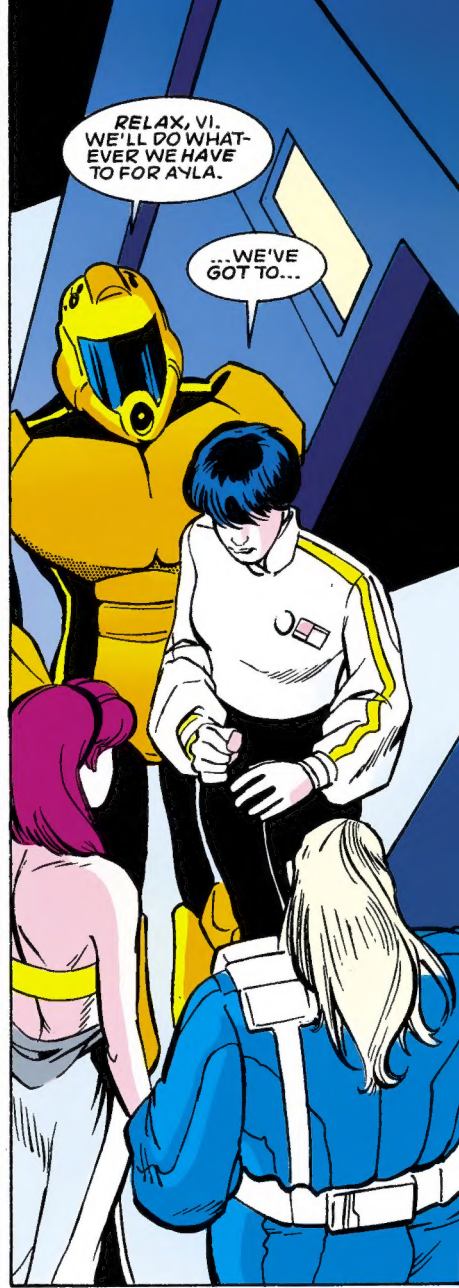
IF I HAD ACCESS TO MY LAB, PERHAPS I COULD RETURN HER TO HER CHRONOLOGICAL AGE. AT LEAST STABILIZE HER.

I WISH THERE WAS A SPELL TO PERMANENTLY RESTORE HER AGE, BUT I DON'T KNOW OF ONE.



WE'VE GOTTA FIND GLORITH-- BEFORE THE KID...

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT, DRAKE. I CAN'T--





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